

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

Rosalie was the first school opened by the Marist Brothers in Queensland. The blessing of the foundation stone took place on July 29, 1928 and the plaque on the Brothers' Monastery states the ceremony was performed by His Excellency the Most Reverend B. Cattaneo, the Apostolic Delegate. His Grace, the Most Reverend J. Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane, and the Very Reverend Dean W. Lee, P.P. were also present at the ceremony; the Marist Brothers were represented by Br. Reginald Moore, the Director of our school at Lismore.

That Christmas three brothers arrived to open the school: Brother Osmund Rice, Director; Brother Athanasius Raess and Brother Campion Muldoon. Brother Osmund has left us the following account:

We opened school on January 28. That week one hundred and thirty-five were enrolled, a large number from the Convent school, Rosalie. A report was circulated through the district that the school would be a very expensive one in fees, that the books would cost pounds, and the hat band alone not less than ten shillings. Monsignor Lee was much annoyed about the report and referred to it on the following Sunday. By the end of February the roll was one hundred and seventy-five. The grades were third, fourth and fifth.

The school was approved as a secondary school in April, 1929, and at the end of that year five boys won scholarships: D. Brimson, G. Jones, J. Bermingham, J. Silk and T. Cochran.

A few boarders were taken in during the first year and the number was seven in 1930. The College continued to take a limited number of boarders during the thirties but this ceased with the opening of Marist Brothers' College, Ashgrove, in 1940. That year all the boarders and one hundred and twenty day boys transferred to Ashgrove.

1935 saw the appointment of Brother Cyprian Dowd as the second Director of Rosalie. His name dominates the history of the College over these fifty years as he was Director twice and thus spent a total of twelve years as headmaster of the College. In 1935 the cottage which had previously been on the lower part of the property, was brought to the top of the hill, remodelled, refitted and generally transferred into two classes and a dormitory. He and the Brothers and parents over the years levelled out the present playground levels. By 1939 the College roll was four hundred and fifty-one.

The present Senior College was built during the term of office of Brother Gilbertus and Monsignor J. McCarthy. It was officially blessed and opened by Archbishop Duhig on October 2, 1949 and cost 35,000 pounds. A crowd of nearly two thousand people attended the opening and gave more than eight hundred pounds to the College building fund. The Premier, Mr E.M. Hanlon and the Works Minister, Mr Power, were also present at the opening.

In 1955 Brother Cyprian acquired four hectares of land at Fig Tree Pocket for playing fields. The Parents and Friends' Association backed the acquisition which cost about \$20,000. Four football fields, a dressing shed, and caretaker's residence have been built there. The fields are known as "Lavalla", named after the town where Blessed Marcellin Champagnat founded the first school in France in 1817. Brother Cloman added further sporting facilities to the College with the building of a swimming pool. The pool was opened in May, 1965, by Monsignor McCarthy. Again the Parents and Friends took on the responsibility of the construction which cost \$12,500.

Federal government assistance enabled a science block to be built and opened on 16th November, 1969. This work was supervised by the Director, Brother Ernan. During the headmastership of Brother Brian Sweeney, a library was built beneath the laboratories and the basement of the Senior College transferred into a carpeted hall. Both these projects were completed in 1975. The final work done in this area was the building of a covered assembly and shelter area adjacent to the Senior block. This work took place in 1977 and the Federal government contributed \$12,000 of the total \$14,000 cost.

In 1970 Rosalie became an "Archdiocesan College"; that means the College became the responsibility of the Archdiocese of Brisbane although it continued to be administered locally by the Marist Brothers. That same year work began on the building of a Junior College on the property below the Parish Church.

This fine building was built by the Archdiocese at a cost of \$142,000 and opened on 6th June, 1971. Archbishop P.M. O'Donnell and his Auxiliary, Bishop H. Kennedy were both present at the opening. The Junior College has been administered by Brother Terence O'Brien (1971-74), Brother Anthony Shears (1957-76) and Mr B. McGill.

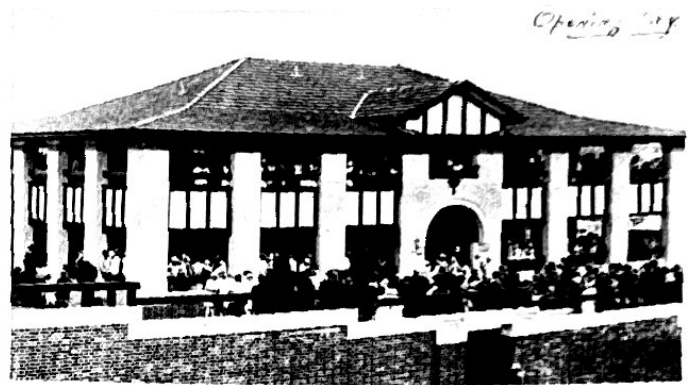
In July 1978 the Archdiocesan Education Council decided that from 1979 no Year Five students be taken and the Primary section of the College phased out by 1981. The principal reasons for this decision were the declining numbers in the inner city parishes and the trend for boys to stay at their local parish schools to finish their primary education. The primary building will become part of the secondary College in 1980.

As the number of children in the inner city suburbs continues to decline the future of Marist Brothers' College, Rosalie will depend more and more on the parishes along the Western train line. While the Rosalie parish still has the highest number of students at the College more and more dependence will be on the Kenmore, Corinda, Indooroopilly, Darra, Toowong, Graceville and Inala parishes.

In this, the Golden Jubilee Year, the staff look ahead with confidence to continue the tradition of zeal, academic excellence, parental involvement and family

spirit which have been a feature of the past fifty years. This confidence is reflected in a statement to all parents signed by the Director of Catholic Education, Father B. O'Shea and the Principal, Brother Raymond, in October 1978:

The confidence of the Catholic Education Council and the Marist Brothers as to the future of this excellent College will be matched, it is expected, by the confidence of the Catholic parents in the area which the College will serve.

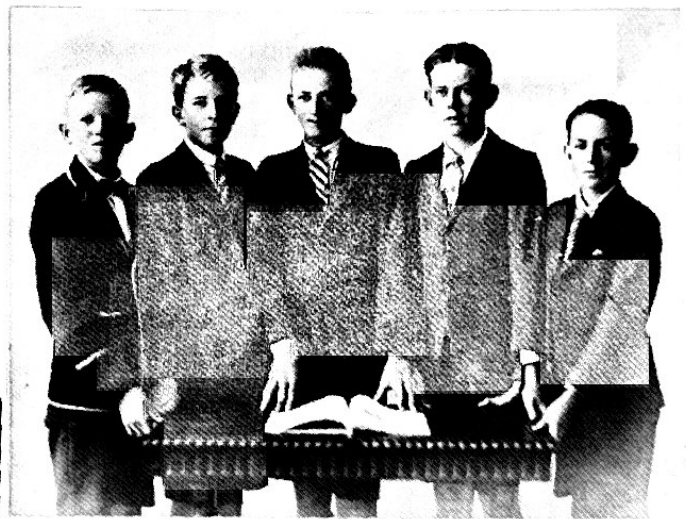


People inspecting the Monastery on the opening day. The souvenir programme of the opening stated:

"If at any time you take a walk or a drive in your car around the corner of Fernberg Road and Given Terrace, you can see for yourself what has been done in a working man's parish, and if you think the Dean and his people are not deserving of a small donation you need not give it".

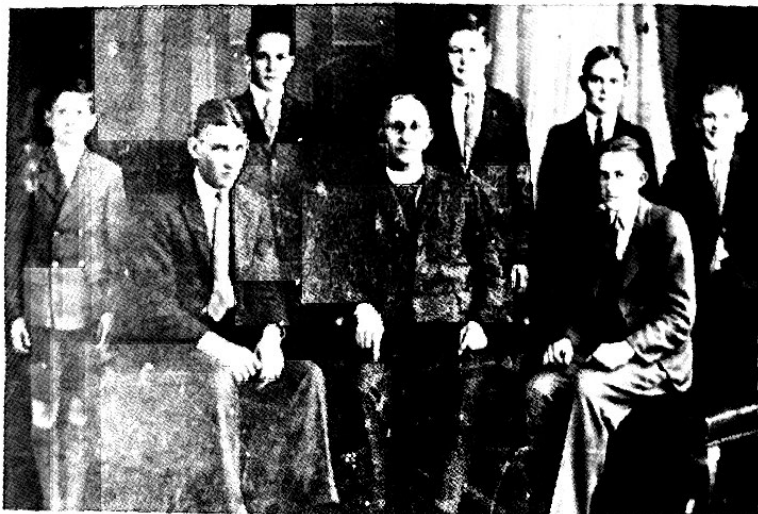


Secondary classrooms and dormitory building on the Middle Terrace. This building was brought up from Beck Street in 1934, and retained until 1948.



FIRST SCHOLARSHIP CLASS 1929

G. Jones, T. Corkran, J. Bermingham, J. Silk, D. Brimson



FIRST BOARDERS

M. Wieland, A. Hobson, V. McGinley, Br. Osmond, J. Morrison, J. Houghton, J. Bermingham, P. Ryan.

*Congratulations from
MR. LEO LUTON
to the Marist Brothers*



The opening of the Brothers' Monastery on 20th January, 1929. Brother Athanasius, Dean Lee, Archbishop Duhig, Brother Denis, Brother Osmond, Brother Campion. Brother Denis was the headmaster of St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill and represented the Provincial.

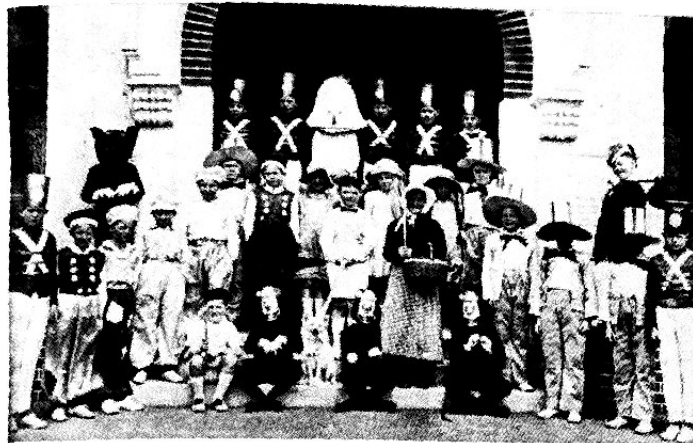
"I make bold to predict that there is a great future before them in Queensland, and that they will contribute much to the advancement of education in this State".



A new girls' school was also built at the same time as the Monastery. The cost of both projects was 12,000 pounds. After opening the girls' school the party walked down Given Terrace to open the Monastery. The Sacred Heart Church and Convent of Mercy had been built in 1918.



The first staff: Brother Osmond, Director, Dean Lee, P.P., Brother Athanasius and Brother Campion. Brother Osmond has been Director of St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill and Darlinghurst. His academic qualifications were M.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.



1934 Concert - "Nursery Rhymes"



1937 CONCERT

Standing: N. Doyle, N. Brynes, J. Shelton, B. McLoughlin, J. Judge, W. Coe.

Sitting: K. Power, H. Judge, J. Moran.

Souvenir
of my
Religious
Profession

One thing I have asked of the Lord this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life. That I may see the delight of the Lord and may visit His Temple. For He hath hidden me in His tabernacle.

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Souvenir
of my
Religious Profession
in the
Monastery Chapel
Rosalie
Brisbane
23rd December, 1930



ANNOUNCING
THE
First Annual
Maristonian Ball



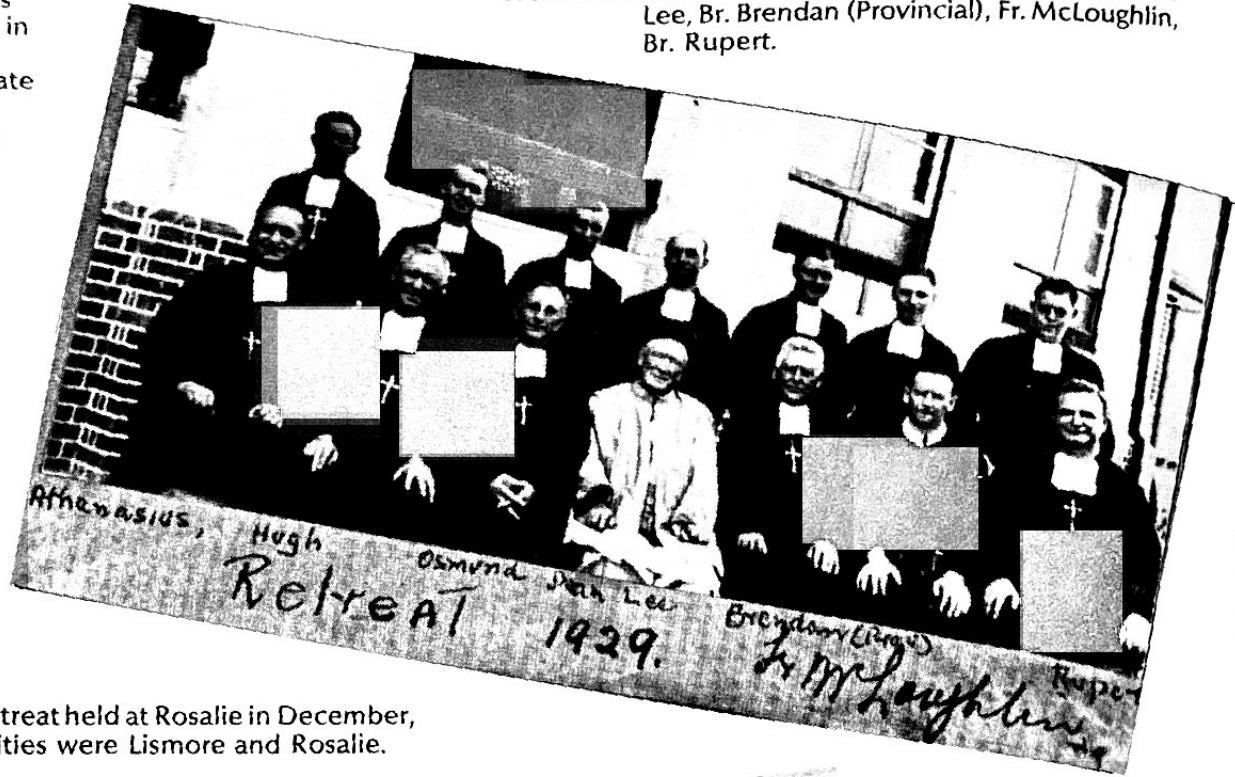
LENNON'S - BALL - ROOM
TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1930

8.15 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Brother Harold

Brother Leopold was appointed to Rosalie in July 1929 after completing his novitiate at Mittagong, New South Wales.

Back Row: Br. Benedict, Br. Campion, Br. Harold, Br. Edward, Br. Bernardine, Br. Leopold, Br. Arnold.
Front Row: Br. Athanasius, Br. Hugh, Br. Osmond, Dean Lee, Br. Brendan (Provincial), Fr. McLoughlin, Br. Rupert.



The First Brothers' Retreat held at Rosalie in December, 1929. The Communities were Lismore and Rosalie.



1934 BOARDERS

Back Row: J. Francis, M. Wieland, J. Houghton, R. Goodwin, J. Judge.
Middle Row: Kennedy, , Kennedy, H. Judge.
Front Row: M. Foster, A. Smith, B. Osmond, H. McMahon, J. Battle.



Cadet Band 1951

10-12
4-10-11
101-104-105

MISS AUSTRALIA 1947 QUEST
(QUEENSLAND SECTION)

ROOM 4 WATSON CHAMBERS
QUEEN STREET
BRISBANE
11th May 1947.

MISS AUSTRALIA
1947
(QUEENSLAND SECTION)

SECRETARY:
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MR W. E. WALLER

RECEIVED:
MISS J. CATER

SECRETARY MISS RUFFELL ROBERTSON
1947 QUEENSLAND SECTION
MR J. CHRISTIE

Rev. Brother Superior,
Marist Boys School,
ROSLIE.

Dear Rev. Brother,

Please convey to the Brother in charge of the Boys' Choir, and to the boys themselves, the sincere thanks of the Preche & Kinder, - ten - for their brilliant contribution to the music program at the Page at Government House on the night of May 11th.

Yours faithfully,

(MRS. OWEN JONES)
PRESIDENT - CHICHE & KINZIE, 101-104-105, QUEEN ST.



MARIST BROTHERS' JUNIOR COLLEGE
ROSALIE

**SOLEMN BLESSING
AND
OFFICIAL OPENING**

SUNDAY, 6th JUNE, 1971

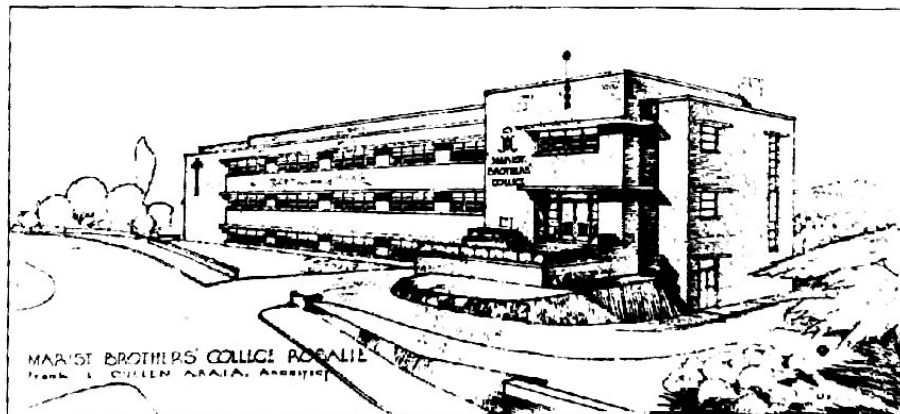
BY HIS GRACE,
ARCHBISHOP P. M. O'DONNELL, D.D.,
ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE





1943 ALTAR BOYS

- Back Row: R. Orten, A. Matook, W. McGrath, D. Fraser, R. Budd, J. Luby
- Middle Row: R. Maranta, L. Barber, J. O'Donnell, K. Shepherd, J. McDonald, L. Evans.
- Front Row: F. Gerry, K. Bredhauer, T. Cridland, F. Bellet, R. Long.



Proposed Marist Brothers' College at Rosalie where His Grace will lay the foundation stone on Sunday and Mr. De Valera will deliver an address.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
BRISBANE.

December 13th, 1939.

Dear Brother Cyprian,

I was very pleased indeed with the kindness of yourself, your Brothers, and the boys when I came to the School yesterday, and I very thoroughly enjoyed the time which I spent with you.

I will not add anything to what I said to the boys, but I think you know that I appreciate all that you and those who work with you, are doing for them with such excellent results.

I should like to be in some small way associated with the School, and shall be very glad to give a prize for next year, say to the amount of £5, and I leave it entirely to you to decide what that prize should be given for and whether it should be for annual competition, or for one year only.

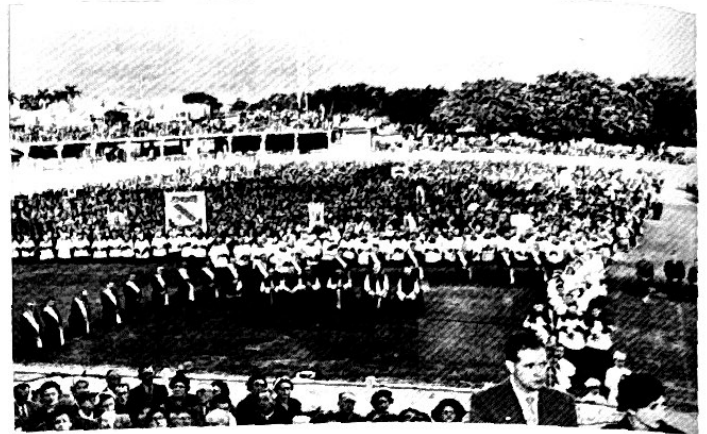
I cannot promise a prize for every year!

I should certainly like it to be for something in the nature either of boxing, character, or personality, on which three subjects I spoke yesterday.

Yours very faithfully,

Keith Wilson

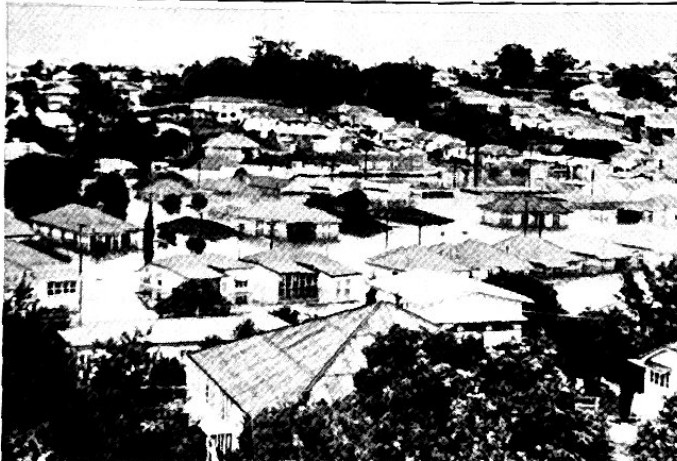
Rev. Brother, Cyprian,
Marist Brothers College,
ROSALIE.



Corpus Christi Procession at the Exhibition Grounds – Rosalie Banner stands out.



1966 Staff – Brother Leonidas, Brother Nivard, Brother Samuel, Brother Conran, Brother Conrad, Brother Elwyn, Brother Ernan.



1974 Floods – the view of the Rosalie shopping centre from the Monastery.



1949 Mannequin Parade in the Undercroft of the College.



Sister Mary De Ricci and Archbishop Rush. Many ex-students of the College came under the care of Sister Mary de Ricci at the Rosalie Convent. Sister taught at Rosalie for over sixty-five years.