



Orchard pays off at Murrin Bridge

Everything in the garden is lovely at the Murrin Bridge Aboriginal School.

An orchard of 220 trees was established at the school during the time pupils stayed there until they were 15.

Now the plantings are paying off.

The orchard is irrigated from the pumping system which is maintained by the Aborigines Welfare Board to provide water from the Lachlan River for residents.

The trees are now four years old, and are coming into bearing, as the photographs show.

Several corn bags of ripe peaches were picked and distributed among pupils this season. Apricots were also harvested.

Pictures by the Principal.

Above: Pupils picking peaches. Nearby can be seen the old tractor which with a 10-disc plow is used by the principal, Mr. Cameron, to cultivate between the rows of trees. In the background can be seen some of the residents' homes

Above right: Frank Vincent thinks an orchard at school is a good idea

Right: Theresa Kirby picks some ripe peaches

