



Three hundred people attended the National Aborigines' Day ceremony in Hyde Park on 8 July. This picture shows part of the crowd

“ EDUCATION THE KEY ” SLOGAN FOR NATIONAL ABORIGINES' DAY

A more generous scheme to replace the present bursary scheme for Aboriginal children's education was outlined by Mr E. A. Willis, Chief Secretary, when he spoke at a Hyde Park function marking National Aborigines' Day on 8 July.

Mr Willis said that the State Government will try to ensure that all Aboriginal children have the opportunity to study at the secondary school level. He said the Aborigines Welfare Board and the Education Department were investigating the

possibility of discontinuing the old bursary system, which financially helps those who can pass a special examination, and replacing it with a more generous scheme, which does away with a special qualifying examination for children capable of completing a normal secondary school career.

“This scheme will ensure that no Aboriginal child will be denied the opportunity to complete secondary education courses because of the economic condition of the parents,” Mr Willis said.