

KIRINARI HOSTEL



Some of the students at Kirinari

The Bert Groves Memorial Wing

“Kirinari”—an Aboriginal word meaning “Place of Learning”—is the name of the first hostel built by the Aboriginal Children’s Advancement Society at Sutherland in Sydney. It accommodates boys attending nearby high schools and technical colleges. It also provides full board for Aboriginal boys who hold jobs in the city or nearby suburbs.

Under the care of Neville Lilley and his wife, who act as house-parents, the hostel provides the students with a “home away from home.” The hostel provides an atmosphere for study and extra coaching to help the boys with their work. In this way they have a real chance to “learn to earn” for the future. Kirinari is close to a beach, a swimming pool and sports fields, so that plenty of recreation is available to the boys. Three times a year, at the end of term, the boys’ fares to and from home are paid. This allows them to see their families over the term holidays.

During 1971, several places at the hostel were not filled because there was not enough publicity about Kirinari in country places. During the year also, the Bert Groves Memorial Wing opened to

board working boys. It too, had many unfilled places. This seems a pity, as there must be Aboriginal boys coming to the city who need somewhere to stay. And there must be country families who would like to see their sons in good care while they stay on at school to make something of themselves.

Next year another hostel will be ready to take twelve boys at Cardiff (a suburb of Newcastle). This fact, as well as the vacancies at Kirinari in 1971, makes the society particularly anxious to get as many applications as possible, well in advance.

NOW is the time to think about sending your son to be educated at Kirinari.

NOW is the time to write for application forms to:

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