

A Proud Honour

"I honour my God. I serve my country. I salute the flag." These solemn declarations rang out strongly and clearly over the public address system and echoed throughout the playgrounds of the Gardener's Road Junior Technical School on a recent Monday morning when I visited the school. Three hundred-odd boys stood at attention and repeated the words of their leader, 15-year old Roger Brown, Vice-Captain and just about the most popular boy in the school.

There is nothing unusual about this little ceremony which takes place in nearly every public school in New South Wales on Monday mornings. What makes this particular ceremony worth reporting in *Dawn* is the fact that Roger Brown, elected by his classmates to the position of vice-captain of his school, is a very fine young fellow of aboriginal blood who has reached a standard of achievement in leadership which makes us all proud of him.



Vice-Captain Roger Brown, and his Headmaster.

The Gardener's Road Junior Technical School is no "tin-pot" school. About four hundred boys from one of Sydney's main industrial areas attend this school to prepare to become skilled tradesmen in various fields of industry. Apart from its training activities, this school has a fine record in the sporting field.

In some subjects, particularly technical drawing, Roger is well up among the top-notchers of his class of 89 boys. He is by no means a dud in any subject.

He is also a member of the military cadets' band and looks a very proud and handsome young soldier in his spick-and-span uniform on the parade ground.

On the rifle range he shares top honours with another classmate. Both scored 24 points out of a possible 25 points at the last competitive target shoot.

Rugby football is his favourite sport. He plays half-back in his school's first-grade team. He also plays first-grade cricket, in season, just to show that he is a real all-rounder.

Roger has a definite goal in mind. He wants to become a technician in the Postmaster-General's Department. I believe Roger has what it takes to achieve his objective, and I am sure that you will all want to join me in wishing him every success in his efforts to reach whatever goal he may set for himself.

I also hope that Roger's success will be an inspiration to many of you young people who haven't made up your minds yet whether it is worth while to try to do something a little better than what your mates are doing.

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HOME HINTS—Measles—*continued.*

10. *Exclusion from school attendance.*

A child suffering from measles must be excluded from school for three weeks from the appearance of the rash and until free from any discharge from the eyes, ears or nose. Contacts who have not previously had measles are excluded until sixteen days after the last exposure to the disease. Where the patient remains at home such "contacts" in the house must be excluded until the patient is entitled to return to school. Contacts who have previously had measles are not excluded.

REASONS WHY EVERYONE SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO PREVENT MEASLES.

1. It is preventable; it is unnecessary; it may have serious results.
2. The longer an attack is deferred, the less likely is it ever to occur.
3. The younger the child the more serious is the disease, hence in deferring the attack the danger to life is lessened.