

TWO ABORIGINE STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR UNIVERSITY IN HISTORY-MAKING YEAR

Climax to a history-making year in education throughout New South Wales was the success of two part-Aborigine students in matriculation examinations—with passes which entitle them to enrol for a University education.

The two students, who have both applied for enrolment in the faculty of Arts at Sydney University are:—

- Peter Gary Williams (17), of Bellwood Aborigines Reserve, Nambucca Heads, and
- Charles Perkins (26), a native of Alice Springs, who is now living in Sydney.

In addition, a third student, Raymond Beale (17), of Armidale High School, was successful in the Leaving Certificate at his second attempt, while it is reported that a record number of younger children passed the Intermediate examination held at the end of 1962.

Gary Williams passed his Leaving Certificate in six subjects, gaining A's for General Maths, Agriculture, and Modern History, with B's for English, French, and Physics.

Charles Perkins' matriculation with B's in five subjects—Biology, Modern History, English, General Maths and Geography—was a remarkable achievement in anybody's book. He gained the pass after one year's private study.

Gary Williams received his primary education at Macksville Convent School after which arrangements were made for him to go to St. John's College, Woodlawn, near Lismore.

His entry to Woodlawn was arranged by an officer of the Aborigines Welfare Board, which provided a bursary for Gary. Another bursary came from the Waterview Group of Seaforth (Sydney), while the college contributed by reducing fees.

Charles Perkins attended primary school in Alice Springs until he was nine, when he was taken to Adelaide.

The Superintendent of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. Green, discusses the future with Gary Williams

