

### Personal Allowance

An allowance to cover incidental personal expenses is provided to the students during the school year. In the final two years of secondary school the student is eligible for \$2 per week, and below that \$1.50.

### Fees

Most school fees are covered by the Commonwealth Government. Pupils at a government school will have their examination and service (e.g. sport and library) fees paid by the Department of Education and Science. Those attending an independent school will normally receive a maximum of \$150 per year to cover their fees, although approval is sometimes given so that all the fees are paid by the government.

### Fares

Students who have to live away from home to attend school will have their fares for return trips home paid three times per year.

### HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE

Enquiries about any of the above forms of assistance can be made to any office of the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, or to the local school principal. Applications for assistance in 1973 should be made before the end of this year but can be made up to March of next year.

## APOLOGY

Last month's *New Dawn* reported the entry of two aboriginal girls in the Miss Australia Quest. There were errors in the information relating to Sister Marjorie Baldwin. Sister Baldwin was born in the Kimberleys and trained as a nurse in Cairns. She is 27 years old, not 21 as reported. She entered the contest in February of this year. *New Dawn* wishes to apologize to Sister Baldwin, her supporters and our readers, for any inconvenience or misunderstanding these errors may have caused.—*Ed.*

# KIRINARI'S OPEN DAY

Over 3,000 people visited "Kirinari" at Sylvania on Saturday, 15th July, when the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society held an Open Day to allow the public to inspect the Aboriginal Students Hostel.

It was first planned to have only one stall but because of an enthusiastic couple this idea grew into a fete with eight stalls, a chocolate wheel and ferris wheel.

Sir Douglas and Lady Nicholls were the guests of the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society for the day and Sir Douglas officially opened the fete at 3 p.m.

The day was planned only 3 weeks before to arouse public support for the hostel which had experienced some financial problems and to recognize National Aborigines' Week. Local residents of the area have helped the Society overcome the financial crisis and relieved the Society of the concern it had for the position of the hostel.

Kirinari is the name given to student hostels established by the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society. Kirinari at Sylvania provides for over forty High School boys while the one at Newcastle accommodates twelve boys. Vacancies exist and applications are invited now for next term or next year. Those interested should write to Mr E. Frater, General Secretary, P.O. Box 277, Sutherland 2232. Now.

### Buffet dinner to recognize National Aborigines Day

Following the open day at Kirinari invited guests enjoyed a buffet dinner at the hostel with Sir Douglas and Lady Nicholls as guests of honour. The 150 guests showed a genuine interest in the work of the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society by each donating \$2.50 towards the cost of their meal and many paid for the Kirinari students to be present.

Ten girls and the house parents of the Burwood Working Girls Hostel attended the dinner with representatives from nearly all Departments concerned with Aboriginal welfare.