

Nepean College of Advanced Education

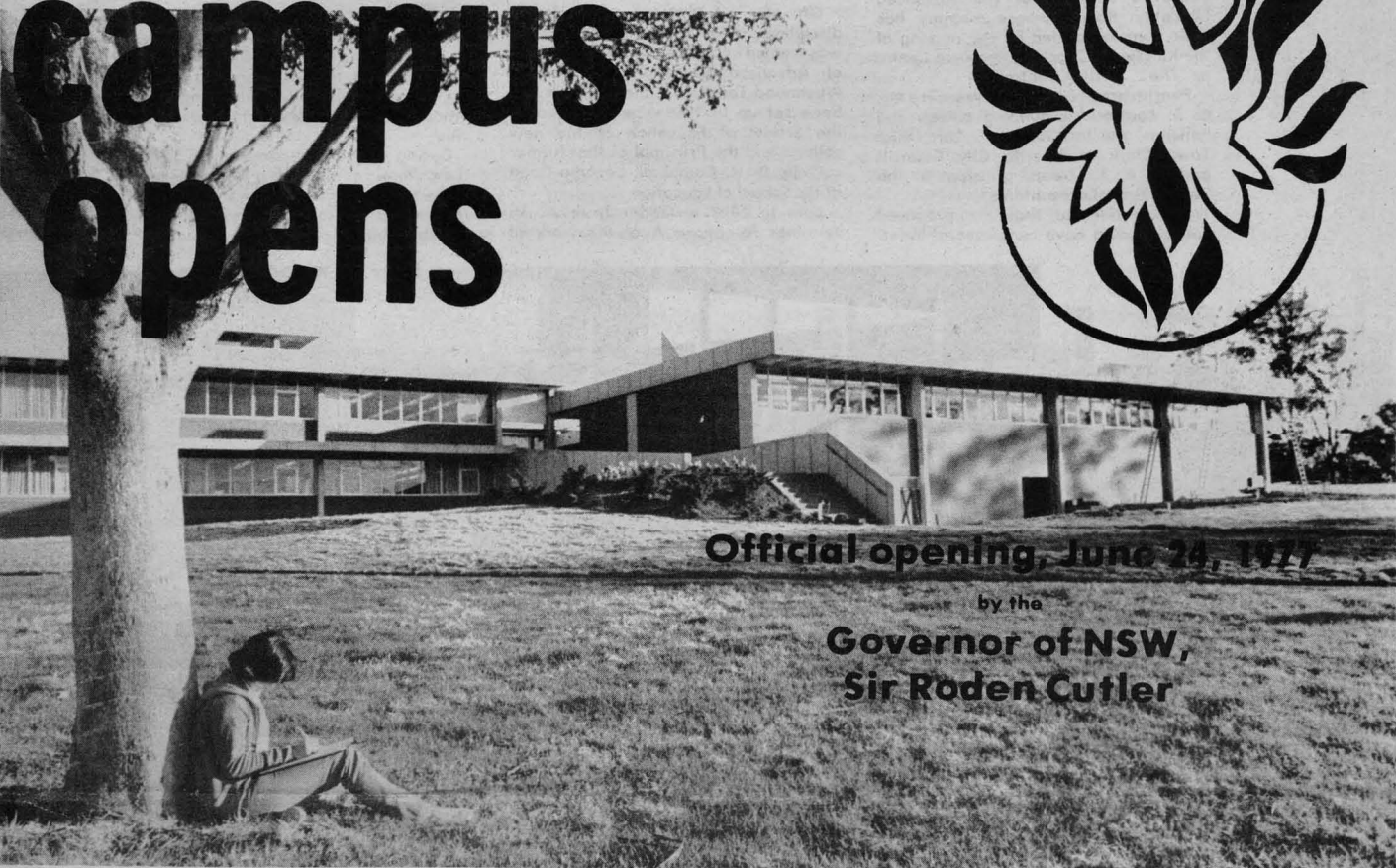
Kingswood Campus opens



Official opening, June 24, 1977

by the

**Governor of NSW,
Sir Roden Cutler**



From the Chairman:

Mr R. A. HINGSTON
FTCS, FIMA

Nepean College of Advanced Education is governed by a council of 25 members, made up of appointees determined by the Minister for Education, official appointees and elected appointees. Its charge, quite simply, is the good government of the college to the achievement of the college's purposes as a major community resource.

It has been necessary for the council over the last few years to develop broad policies and from these to set up immediate objectives and to approve, through the work of its boards and committees, the necessary machineries to execute its purposes.

It can be seen therefore that members of council are not largely symbolic figures set to grace a complex government-funded institution. The present council, as recently reconstituted by the Minister, has been drawn from various sectors of public life — commerce, industry, government service — and includes not only management skills and leading citizens from the community, but also staff representatives and student members.

The present council stands at the head of a process of development which began in 1972 as a planning committee for the college. This committee, meeting in borrowed rooms, was composed of official or government services members and community members representing the nucleus of the final shape of the council.

From the beginning the planning committee and council have been called upon to make decisions which have required the deployment of large sums of money in the acquisition of property, the assembly of a teaching force, the provision of equipment and the establishment of contact with the community from whom its future students would be drawn.

The opening of the Kingswood Division and the development and refurbishing of the Westmead Division of the college are achievements in which all members of Council, staff and students, past and present, have good cause to take pride, a feeling reinforced by the considerable excitement of the challenge of a highly significant and worthwhile project of great importance in human terms.

The Kingswood Campus represents the first plateau, the springboard from which Council hopes and plans to move on to ever closer and helpful contributions through the provision of tertiary education in a variety of forms for the betterment of life in the western metropolitan area.



From the Principal:

Dr J. H. E. FLAK
EM, BA, MEd, PhD, DipArt

It is already known in the area as "the big college", and big it will be, even though in 1977 the students enrolled in both divisions at Kingswood and Westmead have not yet reached the first thousand.

To fly over the broad corridor of the western metropolitan area is to observe the steady westward march of the centre of Sydney's urban population and to realise that this march takes that centre even further from the spires, towers and grounds of the traditional tertiary institutions located in the inner-city area.

The journey from Parramatta, Blacktown, Penrith or Springwood can place lengthy, and often dispiriting, barriers in the way of people of all ages who live in the western metropolitan area and who want to go on to higher studies.

Nepean College of Advanced Education therefore is uniquely placed to meet the developing needs for higher education among adolescents and adults in the new suburbs and cities of the western fringe of Sydney.

The direct lines of communication which run from the Blue Mountains by road and rail to Sydney now become important arteries, shorter in length, leading to Nepean.

Nepean is a big college. Although it is less than three years old, as a multi-purpose self-governing college with its own Council, drawn chiefly from leading citizens of the area, it has shown from the beginning a restless energy to explore all ways and means for the development of an effective educational leadership.

Existing programmes in Teacher Education offer courses for Primary teachers, Home Science teachers and teachers in the all-important field of education of handicapped children.

The School of Business, after a short and forceful campaign, now offers Nepean's first degree with a major emphasis in Accounting, together with diploma courses in Secretarial Studies and Business.

Forecasts by the State Minister for Education, Mr Bedford, indicate a real possibility that Nepean will offer programmes in basic Nurse Education.

Other programs are in course of design for approval and presentation to the area. They include courses for Counsellors, courses in the Visual and Performing Arts, new courses in Business and Teacher Education, and a whole array of informal programmes not leading to awards but directed to the community interest.

It is the office of the Nepean College to meet the challenge to provide progressively a range of courses at a tertiary level, both formal and informal, directed towards the strengthening, deepening advancement of the best elements of community life and aspiration.





Nepean College: A Community Education Centre



The college had its genesis early in 1972 when a working party was set up to plan the initial development of the proposed college. This group was replaced in November 1972 with the Planning Committee of Kingswood College of Advanced Education appointed by the then Minister for Education, the Hon. E. A. Willis.

The Planning Committee was under the chairmanship of the late L. J. Allen, Executive Member of the Advanced Education Board, whose memory has been commemorated by the naming of the Kingswood Teaching Resource Centre as "The L. J. Allen Centre".

Penrith area representatives were Mr. B. S. Lamrock, a leading citizen and Solicitor, the late Mr. H. F. Corr, then Town Clerk of Penrith City Council, and Mr R. J. Green, principal of the Penrith firm of accountants.

It was decided that the proposed college would have campuses at West-

mead (incorporating the Westmead Teachers College) and at Kingswood, and plans for this latter site were drawn up, as were additional teaching areas including a student amenities area.

The Committee commenced the task of appointing a Principal and a Secretary and the rental of office accommodation to house administrative staff pending the completion of the first Kingswood building.

On July 1, 1973, the new multi-discipline college of advanced education was created known as Kingswood College of Advanced Education. The former Westmead Teachers College which had been set up in 1969 was absorbed as the School of Education of the new college and the Principal of that former college, Dr H. Campbell, became Dean of the School of Education.

Late in 1973 a tender from A. V. Jennings for Phase A of the work at

Kingswood including the oval carpark, basketball courts, tennis courts, drainage and some preliminary work on foundations was let at a cost of nearly \$400,000.

Also, the Minister announced that the name of the proposed college would be changed to Nepean College of Advanced Education "to more appropriately reflect the regional nature of the college and the principal area it will serve".

In January 1974 the Principal, Dr. J. H. E. Flak, was appointed and in February 1974 the Secretary, Mr A. G. Dunstan, was appointed and temporary offices were established at Wentworthville.

During the second semester in 1974, the college commenced a two-semester Diploma in Special Education for qualified teachers to train as teachers of the deaf and deaf/blind.

This was followed at the beginning of 1975, with a further two-semester Diploma in Special Education for teachers of the generally handicapped. Also from 1975, all Diploma in Teaching (Primary) students were able to remain at the college to complete that three-year Diploma.

Nepean C.A.E. was proclaimed a corporate college of advanced education and its First Council took office from November 1, 1974, under the chairmanship of Mr R. A. Hingston.

At that time the Nepean C.A.E. Planning Committee which had been set up by the Minister for Education in 1972 to advise him regarding the college was disbanded.

A tender for the building on the Kingswood site was let to T. C. Whittle at a cost of approximately \$4.3 million. Early in 1975 a new three-storey building costing approximately \$500,000 on the

Westmead campus was occupied and assisted in housing the college's 600 students.

In July 1975, the Principal, Secretary and administration moved onto the Kingswood campus into a cottage known as "Fieldings' Cottage".

Towards the end of 1974, the Dean of the School of Business, Mr J. T. Walker, was appointed and the college commenced teaching in business courses in 1976 with two-year full-time Associate Diploma courses in Business and Secretarial Studies. Also, part-time courses in the Associate Diploma in Business were conducted.

In 1976, in conjunction with Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Nepean commenced a three-year Diploma in Teaching in secondary home economics teaching.

During 1976, the course was conducted at Hawkesbury College by the

staff of both colleges. In 1977, students attend lectures at both Hawkesbury and the new Nepean site at Kingswood.

With the gazettal of the College By-law on April 15, 1976, the college became a fully corporate college of advanced education able to employ its own staff.

During 1974, 1975 and 1976 construction has been proceeding on the Stage 1 building at the college's second site of 66 hectares at Kingswood, some 30 kilometres west of the Westmead site.

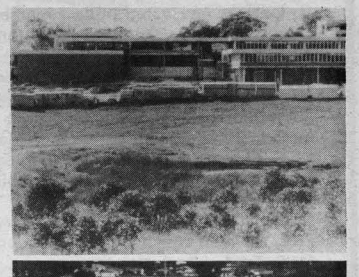
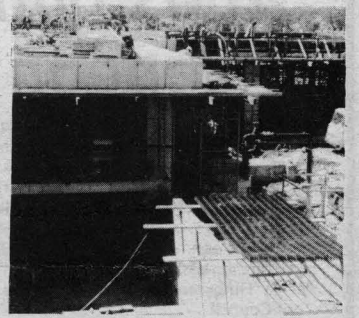
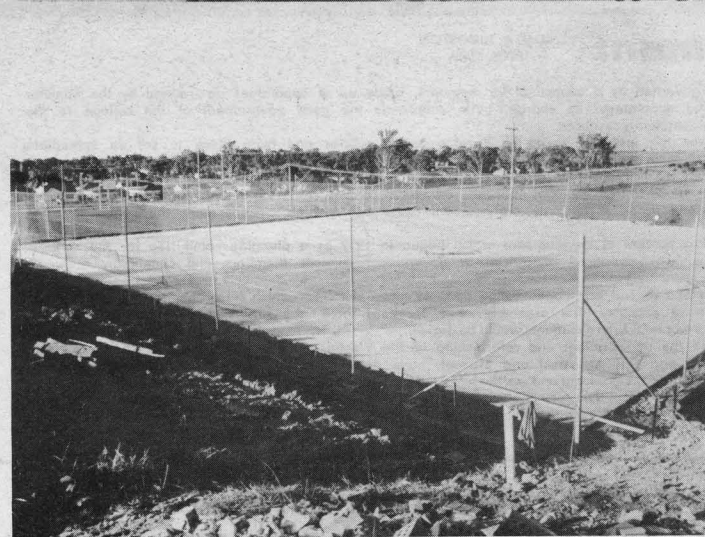
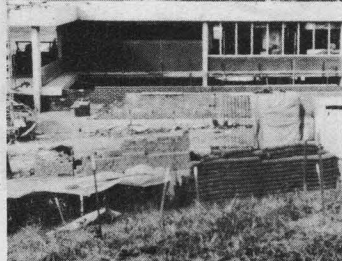
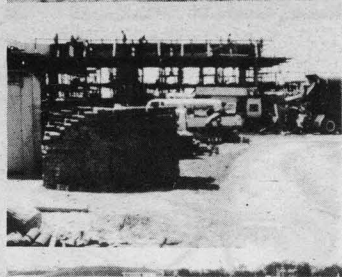
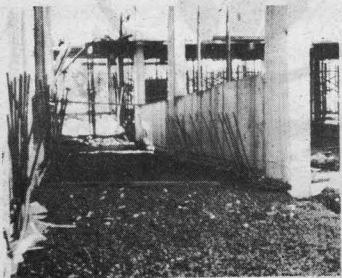
This building was occupied early in 1977 and, while not completely finished, teaching commenced there in February 1977 when some 300 students in second and third year of the full-time Diploma in Teaching (Primary) course transferred from Westmead and a further 180 new students commenced first year. In addition, a part-time evening course in the Bachelor of Business course is conducted at Kingswood.

School of Business with some 260 students doing full or part-time courses.

Also at Westmead, the School of Teacher Education conducts two one-year full-time courses for trained teachers leading to a Diploma in Special Education.

In conjunction with Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Nepean conducts a three-year full-time Diploma in Teaching (Home Economics) and 1977 saw the second intake into this course, giving a total of 93 students in that course. The college currently has some 950 students and 130 staff members.

The college hopes to be given approval to conduct courses in Counselling, Performing Arts and Nurse Education as well as expanding its offerings in the School of Business. A mini-computer was purchased this year and at present this is situated at Westmead.



Mr. R. GREEN, FCA, Deputy Principal

For many years residents of the Penrith area have, with the exception of technical college training, been deprived of access to educational facilities, after completion by a student of secondary studies.

He or she has been faced with the alternatives of trying to obtain accommodation and possibly work, near a distant college or university, travelling long and tiring distances, or entering into an unsatisfactory correspondence course.

It is obvious that all of these alternatives impose a heavy burden on the student and probably his family also.

The demand for trained professional people in the region has grown enormously with the growth in knowledge required by modern methods of production and with the growth in the number of industries being established.

It is difficult to understand why an area certainly with a population greater than Tasmania and possibly greater than that of some of the other smaller States, has not, until recently, been able to convince the authorities of the urgent and growing need of post secondary school education.

Part of this need is now being satisfied with the establishment of Nepean College of Advanced Education.

Located as the College is, between the Western Highway and the Expressway, and adjacent to Kingswood railway station, students should have little difficulty in travelling to and from the College.

The spacious grounds provide a fine setting for the buildings and ample parking areas should meet demands for many years.

Present courses are offered in Teacher Education and Business Studies.

However, the demand for other courses makes inevitable the future growth of the College, but this at present is limited by the finances available for the introduction of additional studies.

The commencement of new courses must necessarily be a slow process due to the requirements for establishing a need, obtaining approval of expenditure of funds from government, possibly the erection of new buildings, recruitment of staff, planning of a suitable syllabus, purchasing of equipment and many other matters which must be considered and properly planned.

In spite of the problems, I am confident that the College will be able to meet the challenges of the next generation of students, whatever these demands may be.

We have an excellent start with modern buildings, modern equipment and, most importantly, a first class staff who have already demonstrated their enthusiasm for the general advancement of the College in the community. Undoubtedly the future of the College is assured.

The opening of the Kingswood Campus of the Nepean College of Advanced Education represents an important milestone in the development of not only the City of Penrith but of the western area generally.

Until now, the youth of Penrith and the surrounding area who wished to undertake higher courses of education were faced with the daunting task of commuting very great distances to the metropolitan universities and colleges. Now, students from the Blue Mountains to Parramatta and from Richmond, Windsor and even Liverpool, have the facilities of a College of Advanced Education within easy reach.

The decision to establish colleges of advanced education in strategic locations throughout the State has done much to improve both the general level of education and the quality of life.

The people of Penrith are proud that this fine college has been established here at Kingswood.

On behalf of Penrith City Council I would like to wish the College every success in the years to come.

Eileen Cammack, MAYOR.

One of the most important responsibilities of Government is to ensure that citizens have every opportunity for the best education.

It is for that reason that I am delighted to welcome the Kingswood-Penrith Division of the Nepean College of Advanced Education to its new premises.

The diploma teaching course being offered is a most important one in view of the high priorities which the Government places on education.

Already there are 550 students enrolled in this course and the night time course for the school of business also has met an encouraging response.

I understand that further concentration of the business course will result in it being expanded to a daytime operation as enrollments increase.

The building itself, constructed on three levels at a cost of \$7.5 million is most attractive and blends well with the site.

I welcome the new college at Kingswood as a great adjunct to existing educational services on the Penrith electorate and I look forward to its continued growth both in numbers and status.

R. J. MULOCK, Minister of Justice and Minister for Housing.



The school of business 'serves the community'



"We put on these courses, which usually run over about six weeks at one night a week, either because we feel that the community needs them, or because someone in the community has approached us with a problem and a course seems to be the solution", the Dean said.

"We were approached by a group of local clubs who wanted someone to explain to their directors exactly what being a director entailed, so we mounted a six-week course to explain just that.

"It was a great success. That's what we feel is real community service".

The school is not standing still.

Courses are currently being developed in several areas which should be of major interest in the western suburbs.

Course design is now going on in legal stenography, marketing, hospitality management, banking, auditing, and industrial management.

It is hoped to introduce these courses progressively between now and 1980.

"Of course everything depends on money", Mr Walker said.

"If we get the money, we can go; without it, we will have to think of something else.

"But in the meantime we hope we can show the government that we are doing a worthwhile job in this area; if we can convince them of that, the money will find its way to us.

"I'd rather the motto of the school was 'Semper in Funds', and not 'Semper in Extremis'."

There are places available in all part-time programmes for the Spring Semester commencing on August 8, and a few places remain in the full-time secretarial programme commencing on the same date.

Application forms are available from the Student Services Officer at Box 10, P. O., Kingswood.

The Dean and staff of the school will be delighted to answer enquiries.

They can be reached at (02) 635-3244.

"We started to design our courses by asking local employers what knowledge and

skills they wanted; then we went to the Professional Associations and asked them what they required.

"In that way, we tried to make sure that our graduates would be both professionally and vocationally recognised.

"We couldn't see the sense in wasting taxpayers' money training a 20-year-old graduate to be comptroller of a multinational industrial complex.

"There's no way he could get such a job on graduation.

"So we concentrated on producing a graduate who could get an accounting job locally.

"Mind you, he has the potential to reach the comptroller's job in time, but in the meantime he will be useful to the development of business in the western suburbs".

While students under the age of 21 must have Higher School Certificate, the school maintains an open admissions policy for students over 21.

"We feel that there are many people in the area over 21 who have never had the chance to try study at this level; you see, there was nobody here before

we came", Mr Walker said.

"We think we owe them a shot at it, and you would be surprised to see the results we have had from this policy.

"There is a lot of hidden talent in this area, and we are helping to develop it".

The staff of the school have been selected for their ability to combine theory and practice, and many of them have come direct from industry to teaching.

They have all had recent relevant practical experience in the disciplines they teach.

The school recently acquired its own computer, and every student, regardless of programme, will have experience of data processing and programming before he leaves.

In the field of general community education, the school has offered a substantial number of community programmes over the past two years.

These have ranged from estate planning, industrial supervision and public speaking to records management, inventory control, and small business administration.

The School of Business at Nepean College of Advanced Education was founded in 1974 with the express purpose of serving the needs of the Western Suburbs area in business education.

Its location at Westmead, close to the heavy concentration of industry around Parramatta, places it ideally to meeting Business Education requirements in industry and commerce for the area from Strathfield to Katoomba.

The first student intake arrived in February, 1976, when the school offered Associate Diploma Programmes in Business and Secretarial Studies.

Business students were offered the option of specialising in either Marketing or Personnel Administration, and the first graduates are due to emerge at the end of 1977.

These students have been trained in the specialist areas, and have, in addition, a broad business background which will allow them considerable flexibility in their choice of jobs.

The secretarial students

possess the necessary stenographic skills, backed up by a wide knowledge of several business areas, including law, accounting, data processing, economics, and behavioural science.

They have been equipped to become executive secretaries of the future.

In 1977, the school introduced its Bachelor of Business Degree with a Major in Accounting, which has been recognised as a professional qualification by the various professional accounting bodies.

All programmes are offered full-time and part-time at the Westmead-Parramatta Division, and the Bachelor's Degree is also offered part-time at Kingswood on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The Associate Diplomas are two-year full-time or four to six years part-time courses, and the Bachelor's Degree is a three-year full-time or six to nine year part-time programme.

"Our programs are unique in many respects", said the Dean, Mr J. T. Walker.

The Council of the Nepean College

- Mr R. Brill — Principal, Demonstration School.
- Mr G. Brown — elected student member
- Mr M. Collings — elected academic staff member
- Mr C. Field — elected academic staff member
- Dr J. Flak — College Principal — official member
- Mr J. Francis — Commonwealth Employment Officer
- Mr R. Green — Partner in leading firm of Accountants — Deputy Chairman of Council
- Mr R. Hingston — Chief Executive of Electricity Authority — Chairman of Council
- Mr G. Hope — elected student member
- Dr A. Jennings — Medical Superintendent of hospital
- Mr C. Kearney — Solicitor
- Dr K. Kennett — Dean, School of Teacher Education — official member
- Mr J. Mullane — Principal of high school
- Mr W. Murray — Pharmacist
- Mr I. Scott — Regional Director of Education
- Mr G. St Lawrence — elected non-academic staff member
- Dr J. Sutton — senior State public servant — Director of Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research
- Dr G. Swain — Principal, Hawkesbury Agricultural College
- Prof. H. Thomas — Professor, Graduate School of Management
- Mr D. Trist — Bank Manager
- Mr J. T. Walker — Dean, School of Business — official member
- Fr. J. Walsh — Master of Studies — St Columba's College
- Miss F. Whitlam — former Principal of independent school.

Education for the future

Teacher education provides the basis upon which a meaningful, vital Australian society depends.

Aware of the importance of teacher education, the New South Wales Government has the insight to plan for the needs of the western suburban area.

The Government was convinced that our society needed excellent teacher professional training facilities within reasonable distance of the communities to which their services would be given.

Thus, in 1969 the Westmead Teachers College was set up with Dr Ben Campbell as foundation Principal, in school buildings adjacent to the Westmead Demonstration School in Hawkesbury Road, Westmead.

In 1973, Westmead Teachers College became the School of Education of a new, multi-discipline College of Advanced Education, now known as Nepean.

Appropriately, the foundation and beginning of Nepean was the foundation of all education — a Teacher Education School.

Upon Dr Campbell's retirement late in 1976, Mr Cec Field assumed responsibility for leadership until Dr Keith Kennett arrived to assume the leadership role as Dean of Teacher Education.

All School of Teacher Education programs are concerned with adequate preparation in techniques of teacher, knowledge acquisition and building upon past experiences.

Courses presently offered are: Diploma in Teaching: General Primary; Home Economics.

Diploma in Special Education: Deaf and Deaf/Blind; Generalist Teaching of Handicapped.

In the near future plans are underway to introduce a Post-Graduate Diploma for School Counsellors.

The Dean and his staff of the School of Teacher Education will be pleased to answer enquiries regarding courses — telephone (047) 31-7222.

Art centre for campus

The Nepean Valley Society for the Arts Limited is a company limited by guarantee which has now been incorporated by a number of leading citizens and business men and women from Penrith, St Marys and other areas within the Western Region, and a strong board of directors has been appointed.

The company is negotiating with the Nepean College of Advanced Education, which supports the project, to erect major facilities within the College grounds for the performance and teaching of the performing arts and the exhibition and teaching of the visual arts.

It is also negotiating with one of Australia's most prominent international stars to name the centre after that artist and verbal consent has already been obtained for this purpose.

NEPEAN COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

PROVISIONAL LISTING OF COURSES AND PRINCIPAL DATES FOR 1978

COURSE	DURATION	ENTRY REQUIREMENT	LOCATION	APPLICATIONS CLOSE	ENROLMENT DATE
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS		SCHOOL LEAVERS	WESTMEAD PARRAMATTA DIVISION (Part time degree also available at Kingswood)	1st OCTOBER 1977	20th FEBRUARY 1978
Bachelor of Business: — Accounting major — Industrial MGMT Major (subject to approval)	3 YRS 6 YRS MIN	May be admitted on the basis of their Higher School Certificate results or equivalent qualifications			
Associate Diploma in Business: — Personnel — Marketing — General	2 YRS 4 YRS MIN	ADULTS	KINGSWOOD/PENRITH DIVISION		
Associate Diploma in Secretarial Studies		Persons who are 21 years at the date of entry may be admitted as mature students on probation and will be evaluated on qualifications and work experience.			
SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION					
Diploma in Teaching: — General Primary — Home Economics (Secondary teaching course in conjunction with Hawkesbury Agricultural College)	3 YRS N/A				
Diploma in Special Education: Courses for preparation of experienced teachers who wish to specialise in: — Teaching of the deaf/deaf blind — Generalist teaching of the handicapped	1 YR N/A	Applicants must hold a recognised teaching qualification and have had at least one year's successful teaching experience.		Deaf/Deaf Blind Special Education 31st MAY, 1978	7th AUGUST 1978
Postgraduate Diploma: — For school counsellors (subject to approval)		Degree with Psychology Major (or equivalent) and at least two years successful teaching experience.	WESTMEAD/PARRAMATTA DIVISION	All others (including generalist special ed) 1 OCTOBER, 1977	20th FEBRUARY 1978

The Kingswood/Penrith division of the college is located at the corner of Second Avenue and O'Connell Street, Kingswood. The Westmead Parramatta division of the college is located in Moree Avenue, Westmead.

Telephone (047) 31-7222

TELEPHONE (02) 635-3244

Postal address for BOTH divisions is Box 10, P. O., Kingswood, N.S.W., 2750