

CWA of WA - action for educational issues in WA

CWA first started to address the issues of our schools and education only 3 years after its inception in 1927, and has been advocating for changes ever since. This is a summary of most of the conference motions and actions CWA have taken over the last 90 years in regards to education...

1927 – Flyscreen doors and windows in country schools (again in 1940)

1928 – Shelter sheds in school yards

1928 – Govt to provide hostels for country children attending High School

1930 – mothercraft to be taught in schools

1933 – CWA support the Womens University College fund in efforts to erect a residential facility for country students

1934 – School rooms not in use in one area be moved to another.

1935 – A college of domestic science be set up at university

1938 – Agricultural Science be taught in country schools

CWA established Residential College in Northam 1938-1969

1939 – urge the govt. to provide a Nurses Training College

1939 – assistance be given to young people to attend Technical College to increase employment opportunities.

1940 – A small boarding allowance to available for country children recommended to High School

1941 – School age be raised to 15/16 with increased attention to vocational training

CWA established a Boys hostel in Albany 1943-1961

1945 – Request that there be improved educational opportunities for native children.

1945 – Request improved educational opportunities for handicapped children especially those in the country.

CWA managed boys hostel in Bunbury 1945-1968

1949 – school fees and board for children compelled to be away from home be a Tax deduction

CWA administered the Government Girls Hostel in Albany. 1950-1967

CWA managed the Girls Hostel in Bunbury 1952-1969

1953 – More stressed be placed on speech training in State & High Schools

1955 – Music be part of the school curriculum

1955 - Shorthand and typing be part of Junior school

1955 - Support the early formation of a Medical School at the University of WA

1956 – more publicity be given to schools for the training of Male Nurses

1957 – Where facilities are available, all school children be taught to swim.

1959 – Education Department review scholarships for country children and anomalies adjusted.

1959 – Education Department be asked to have Home Science carried on to leaving subject.

1960 – Request the Govt to provide Hostels for country student attending High School

1962 – Mouth to mouth resuscitation be taught in all primary and secondary schools

CWA administered the running of Caloola House, government funded Boarding house in Narrogin

1963 – Request the education department to provide better housing for teachers in country areas

1964 – that training be increased for teachers from 2 to 3 years

1966 – Living away from home allowance be increased

1968 – supervision allowances for school children in remote areas be more compatible with wages paid

1970 – request the government to give greater assistance to education of children in remote areas

1970 – that text books in schools be standard throughout the state

1970 – That living away from home allowance be available to full time students studying at recognised business colleges.

1976 – Mobile units be provided to give greater assistance to parents and teachers in isolated areas.....

CWA Mobile Resource Van was established

1977 – a realistic allowance be paid when taking children to school or bus stops

1978 – seatbelts be installed on school buses

1989 – The living away from home allowance for isolated children be increased

1993 – Request that a three year course in budgeting and nutrition be introduced in secondary schools

1993 – The minimum (means test free) Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme be extended to tertiary students.

1995 – Basic sewing skills be re-introduced in all Primary Schools

2000 – Education be given in the use of modern banking practices and technology, Automatic teller machines, EFTPOS, telephone banking, b-pay and computer banking

2004 – Traditional Christmas carols and stories be taught in Government schools and traditional Christmas Customs be observed.

2006 – request the State Govt and education Dept to have first aid included in the school curriculum