

High Honours for Bursary Winners

Three Aborigines Welfare Board bursars passed the 1961 Leaving Certificate, the highest number to succeed in any one year.

The success of the bursars—two boys and one girl—drew wide press, radio and TV publicity when the results were announced last January.

The three who passed were:—

- David Kerin, 18, from the Northern Territory, a pupil of St. Pius X School, Chatswood, and living at St. Edmund's School for the Blind, Wahroonga;
- Michael Bryant, 18, from Nambucca Heads, a pupil at St. John's College, Woodlawn, near Lismore;
- Patricia Davis, 17, from Casino, a pupil at Casino High School.

Armed with this valuable qualification, all three are now taking a further step towards careers for themselves.

Michael Bryant has begun a two-year course at Wagga Teachers' College, training to be a teacher.

Patricia Davis on April 30 embarked on a career in the N.S.W. Public Service when she joined the Department of Health. She is a clerk at the Institute of Clinical Pathology laboratories at the Lidcombe State Hospital, in Sydney.

The story of David Kerin's courage in overcoming grievous handicaps to win high educational honours is told elsewhere in this issue.

Michael Bryant won B's in English, Ancient History, General Maths and Biology. Glen Innes Apex assisted with his bursary.

Patricia Davis had B's in English, Geography, General Maths, Home Economics and in Biology.

David Kerin, blind since he was four, had A's in English and Oral French, and B's in Modern History, Latin and Physics.

A fourth bursar who sat for the 1961 Leaving Certificate examination failed by only one subject. But filled with determination, he is studying again this year for a second attempt.

The Aborigines Welfare Board now has 20 bursaries current in secondary schools all over the State.

Of these, eight have been sponsored by outside organisations and are being administered by the Board.

Three of the bursars will sit for the Leaving Certificate in 1962.

The bursaries have been granted in all years from first year upwards to the Leaving Certificate standard.

Up to the end of 1961, a total of 75 bursaries had been granted by the Aborigines Welfare Board since the scheme started in 1946.

RETIREMENTS

Mr. Michael Sawtell, a member of the Aborigines' Welfare Board for 15 years. Mr. Sawtell, who is well known throughout the State, has been succeeded by Mr. J. T. Purcell.

Mr. E. Colin Davis, foundation editor of *Dawn*, who has also relinquished his interests in the timber industry to concentrate on a country property, Rossmore Stud, Bringelly Road, Rossmore.

We are sure *Dawn* readers will wish them well.



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