

# TWEED HEADS GIRL GAINS HER LEAVING



The only aboriginal to sit for the 1963 Leaving Certificate examination in N.S.W. on an Aborigines' Welfare Board bursary was successful.

She was Felcia Corowa, aged 16, who lives at Fingal Heads, Tweed River.

Felcia attended Tweed Heads High School.

She gained A's in English and Biology, and B's in modern history and geography.

Felcia had an Aborigines' Welfare Board bursary to take her through the Intermediate, which she gained in 1959.

Her bursary to the Leaving Certificate standard was assisted by the Waterview Group, in Seaforth, Sydney.

Felcia was holidaying in Wollongong when the results were announced.

She has said that she wants to train to be a teacher.

**Above, Felcia is pictured second from right in the front row, with the Tweed Heads High School softball team. She was one of the school prefects**

Felcia's success brings to 12 the number of aboriginal boys and girls to pass the Leaving Certificate assisted by bursaries from the Aborigines' Welfare Board.

Six of these successes have occurred since 1960. Felcia is the seventh girl among the 12.

One of the six, Michael Bryant, of Nambucca Heads, who was educated at St. John's College, Woodlawn, Lismore, in December 1963 completed his two years' training at Wagga Teachers' College.

He is now awaiting his posting to his first teaching position.

Michael's brother, Robert, gained excellent marks in his Intermediate examination and is hoping to enter St. John's College, to follow in his brother's footsteps.