Acta Diurna

(“Daily Events” – as per the first school magazine)

• 27th January, 1959: school commenced at the Exhibition Hall.

• 30th January: first hobby period. The following groups were founded: Chess Club, Choir, Musical Appreciation, Stamp Collecting, Model Air Craft and Drama.

• 2nd February: Church Service held at West End Methodist Church to mark beginning of academic year.

• 10th February: First Crusader meeting held by Mrs. Benton.

• 4th March: first inter-school vigoro and softball matches played against Townsville High School.

• 7th March: first inter-school cricket match against Townsville High.

• 31st March: for the first time all students wore the correct uniform.

• 1st April: inter-house Swimming Carnival was held.

• 3rd April: inter-school Swimming Carnivals were held, the girls in the afternoon and the boys at night. This was also the day on which Mrs. Hollis, the commercial teacher left.

• 6th April: we moved into the manual training wing of the new school. Miss Gibson joined the staff as the commercial teacher.

• 9th April: first Student Councillors’ Meeting held at the new school.

• 20th April: first term examination began.

• 23rd April: official enrolment of cadets.

• 24th April: the school attended an ANZAC Day Service at which the address was delivered by Mr. Holliday.

• 11th June: Mr. Pizzey, the Minister for Education, visited us to inspect the unfinished building and address the school. He was accompanied by Mr. Whitmee, Mr. Aitkens and Mr. Snell.
• 18th June: Russell Carvolth and Charles Koch competed in a public speaking contest, “Youth Speaks for Australia”.

• 1st July: on his return trip to Brisbane, Mr. Black, the Director of Secondary Education, visited us and addressed us on the highlights of his visit to Mt. Isa and Mary Kathleen.

• 4th July: members of the Charters Towers High School played basketball and football against Pimlico.

• 23rd July: second term examination began.

• 28th July: an Open Day was held at the school which the parents of the students were invited to attend. In conjunction with this, all of the boys ran the three mile course of the Trevor Sugars’ Memorial cross-country race.

• 31st July: a very successful school fete was held on the school grounds.

• 1st August: the girls’ inter-school athletics were held at the Sports Reserve.

• 5th August: members of the A.T.C. entered camp.

• 7th August: we broke up for the August vacation.

• 8th August: Mr. Gould was married in Brisbane.

• 27th August: the cadets attended a sports day and rifle shoot at Garbutt.

• 9th September: Dr. Val Vallis, a well-known Australian poet, spoke to us about Australian poetry. Mr. Goon Chew addressed us on Gundoo Week and national fitness. At the same time the Industrial students were inspected by Mr. McCracken, the Inspector of Manual Training.

• 15th September: A.T.C. cadets marched through the streets of Townsville as a part of Air Force Week celebrations.

• 16th September: inter-house Athletics Carnival was held at Corcoran Park and Blue House was victorious.

• 25th September: boys’ inter-school Athletics were held at the Sports Reserve.

• 29th September: the school was inspected by Mr. Roberts, the Inspector of Secondary Schools.