

Eula Guthrie Dormitory



Michael Kidd and Eula Guthrie at the opening of the new dormitory block.

In 2000 a new air-conditioned female student dormitory was built. It was named Guthrie Dormitory after Eula Guthrie who had been vitally important in bringing girls to Hurlstone. Female students had begun at Hurlstone in 1979 and it was Eula Guthrie, a school inspector and later regional Director, who had worked hard behind the scenes to achieve co-education at Hurlstone. Here she explains some of the background to the decision,

My mother's family were farmers and country people and I'd grown up having one foot on a farm and some relatives away at 'Ag schools'. One of the contradictions that had occurred to me was that in the country only boys could go to agricultural high schools.

The advantages of having some time away from isolated homes, living with a wider group than the family, learning group sports and social skills, having relief from long hours of travel to reach a school and often not seeing home in daylight in winter had long been urged for boys – why not for girls?

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