

DOMINIC COLLEGE HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

HUMAN SPIRIT



British Migrants: Boys' Town 1952 – 1955

In 1952, many children were taken from their mothers in Britain and sent to Australia, 12,000 miles away from home. Forty boys among these unfortunate 'Child Migrants' ended up at Boys Town, where daily life was often difficult and they were not always fairly treated under the rigid philosophy espoused by their teachers. One boy did not know his birth date until 1997 when he discovered that his mother was actually still alive in England. While their early lives still hold bad memories for some, others remember happy times. In the end, each found a way to move on from adversity: some are grateful to the people who cared enough to instil discipline and morals; others have made a choice to be happy, hard-working and thankful instead of harbouring bitterness. As a group, they have imbued others with their positive outlook and are an inspiration to many. They have a life-long bond of shared experience and many regard each other as 'family'.