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"CLEVO KOORIE"

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Clevo Koorie is a magazine produced and published by the students of Cleveland Street High School and introduced to *The Aboriginal Child at School's* readers earlier this year (Vol.14 No.2, p.56). Barbara Cutler describes the origins of the journal and the activities of Koorie students.

Clevo Koorie was first funded by the Disadvantaged Schools' Program in 1985. We received \$250.00.

The idea for the magazine really came from the Aboriginal Studies' classes that Catherine Burgess and I teach at Cleveland Street High School. The students were interviewing Aboriginal people and having many Aboriginal storytellers, dancers, etc., into class, that it seemed to be a good idea to try to write all these interesting happenings down in a publication for other Koorie children to read.

We also wanted to try to establish a connection with other Aboriginal students in schools.

Our first edition was published on the proverbial shoestring and met with success. We have heard from Alice Springs, South Australia and even Japan.

The second edition of *Clevo Koorie* featured Dubbo South High Koorie students. We had posted them copies of our first edition and they became interested. With the help of Mrs Zel Turrell, the Aboriginal Co-ordinator at Dubbo South High, we

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arranged to take our students to Dubbo in 1985. We interviewed various people and generally had a good time.

We have just farewelled twenty-one Dubbo South High Koorie students who have been billeted out here with us to help celebrate National Aboriginal Week. The two schools have now established a close connection as a direct result of the *Clevo Koorie*.

Last year, our Aboriginal Studies' students were taken to the Northern Territory by our Aboriginal Resources teacher, our Aboriginal teacher and our community liaison officer (Bob Percival, Ali Golding, Lyn Mundine). Their "adventures" will be recorded in the next *Clevo Koorie*.

We have tried to send our magazine to as many schools as possible that we know have Koorie students or who are interested in exchanging ideas. We have built up quite a large mailing list consisting of Aboriginal institutions, schools, and just interested people. We are always happy to hear from anyone wanting to write about their courses, or wanting to publish any student work. The more diverse the magazine, the more interesting.

In October, we have been lucky enough to be invited to visit Kath Walker on Stradbroke Island. We are going to invite two Dubbo South High Aboriginal students to accompany us.

This is a little of the background of the *Clevo Koorie*. We have found a number of difficulties. The major concern has been finance. Each edition we have to worry about finding enough to cover costs of printing the front cover, and publicity and mailing. This is why we do ask for a donation.

Since we have been publishing this magazine at Cleveland Street High School, the students have been involved in learning all kinds of different skills. They have learnt how to screen-print,

they have been learning the techniques of magazine production, but most important of all, they have been writing about their experiences and seeing this transferred into print. They have met many interesting Aboriginal people who have helped contribute to the magazine.

There must be a lot of similar things happening in other schools. If you would like to exchange ideas, please contact us at Cleveland Street High.

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