



TOWN OF
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LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS

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**1st and 2nd Standard, Children of
Edward Millen School**

Renaë Carey

**Category
Photographic Memories**



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Entry Number: 16

Entrant: Renae Carey

Photograph Name: **1st and 2nd Standard, Children of Edward Millen School**

Details below submitted as online entry along with the photograph

Name of the person who took the photograph(s), if known?

Presumably the teacher (Miss Kutz?) or the school Principal Miss Hill.

Date when it was taken: 15/04/1947.

Where was it taken?

Back of the building at Edward Millen School, an infant school at the time, and currently the Carson Street School.

Who is in the photograph?

First row, sitting on the floor likely the 1st standard students as the boy in the striped shirt on the right of the photo at the very end is Valmai nee Bruce's cousin who was in the year below.

Pat nee Roach is third from the right and lived on Briggs Street with her father, a machinery operator. She was in second Standard with Val which likely makes the top 2 rows.

Valmai nee Bruce is standing up on the left with a dress and her hair tied up in a pony tail. Another student identified at the front, sitting down with curly hair is Beverley Gamble.

In which direction was the photograph taken?

South-West towards what would now be East and Co Townhouses but at the time, likely a fence.

Do you know what is in the background?

The rear of the building of Edward Millen School which stands today in very similar form as Carson Street School. The back carpark today, shows the same exposed brick bottom and white rendered walls with French style windows as shown in the photo. The grassed area the students are standing on in the photograph also remains today, separated from the carpark by a mesh fence.

Do you know why the photograph was taken?

Co-ed classroom photo of Standard 1 and 2 of Edward Millen School.

What additional information can you give about this photograph?

Edward Millen sits behind Edward Millen House, which might of been in the line of the site for these children. At the time, it was blocked from the public and used by the military. Edward Millen also had 1st bubs, the first level of education at the time, but they are not included in this image so they may or may not have their own classroom photo available.

What condition is your photograph in? (please tick box): Excellent.

Does your photograph have a title? If yes please include below:

1st and 2nd standard children at Edward Millen School.