

are also encouraged to listen to the news and sporting sessions on the radio, and the Manager periodically lectures them on current topics.

At the present time there are forty-six boys at Kinchela.

It cannot be over emphasised that these boys at Kinchela are not delinquents. They have been committed to the Home by Order of the Court, because they have hitherto been neglected or have become orphaned, or at the request of their parents,

The general health of the boys is excellent, and this is well illustrated by the fact that almost without exception every boy in the Home has increased his height and weight during the past year, some to the extent of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and 23 pounds. The boys at Kinchela have perhaps got away to a bad start in life through no fault of their own, but the Board is determined that they will have every care and amenity to qualify them to take their place in the community alongside their white neighbours as good, honest, Australian citizens.



Mr. Rice, the chef at Kinchela is a very popular man. His present capable assistant is Norman Perry.



A class at Kinchela Boys' Home.

Cootamundra Girls' Home

The Cootamundra Girls' Home, a lovely old house which was once the local hospital building, is only 2 miles from the town of Cootamundra. It caters mainly for girls of school age. One or two tiny tots of pre-school age are also included in this big family.

Many girls have received excellent training at the home in the past years, to accept employment as nurses, telephonists, and domestic duties.

No less than eleven of the girls attend Cootamundra High School while others are receiving specialised training in domestic science.

Seventeen other girls attend the primary school in the town and all are good friends with their fellow white pupils. The girls have a special bus to take them to and from school.

The children at Cootamundra are a very happy team. They attend the local picture theatre and have hikes, picnics, tennis tournaments and concerts.

Evening classes on reading, knitting and fancywork are conducted at regular intervals.

During the summer months the girls are taken regularly to the town swimming baths and it is gratifying to observe how they are accepted by the townspeople generally in all their social activities.

All girls of suitable age are trained in laundry work, cooking, mending, sewing and handicrafts.

There are, at the present time, forty-three children in residence at the home.