EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW-
NORTHERN TERRITORY,
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

The Australian School of Pacific Administration at Mosman had some interesting visitors last month. They were two Islanders and three full-blood Aboriginals from Kormilda College near Darwin, and two people from Goroka Teachers College, Papua-New Guinea.

All were representing their colleges in the Australian Inter-Collegiate Athletic Championships at the Narrabeen National Fitness Camp. The Inter-Collegiate attracts entries from teacher-training institutions in most parts of Australia, as well as some of the territories.

Goroka Teachers College in Papua-New Guinea sent two representatives for the sports. They were:

Paul Maraga from Port Moresby. Paul is a first-year student at the college. He is a sprinter and competes in both high jump and broad jump events.

Kuniguda Namur whose hometown is Rabaul. Kuniguda is the first woman President of the students' body (S.R.C.) ever appointed. A very lively, versatile person, she competed in the last South Pacific Games, entering in the javelin and shot-put events.

Kormilda College sent five representatives to Sydney. Kormilda College (the name means “tomorrow”) is a residential school for Aboriginal students situated at Berrimah, 8 miles from Darwin. It was started by the Commonwealth Government late in 1967 as a means of helping young Aboriginals to move into higher education and later get better jobs. The college now provides education at high school level as well as teacher-training courses and courses in carpentry, brick-laying, mechanical drawing, domestic science and similar occupations. Not only do all the Kormilda students board at the College, but so do other Aboriginal students who attend Darwin High School.

All of the five Kormilda College representatives are doing teacher-training courses to prepare them for teaching in schools in their home area. One by one the boys introduced themselves to NEW DAWN:

Silverius Tipungwuti from Bathurst Island. Silverius plays Australian Rules football for St Mary's team which plays in the Darwin competition. He mentioned that he had made some friends here in Sydney during his visit. They are Freddy Puruntatameri, John Tipuri, Emmanuel Kerinauia and Albertus Tipiloura, all of Queens Road, Connell's Point, South Hurstville. Emmanuel plays Australian Rules with the St George club here in Sydney and met Silverius through their common interest in the sport.

Joshua Joshua from Roper River. He plays Australian Rules football and is a boxer.

Neville Jabangardi Poulson from Yuendumu, 350 miles northwest of Alice Springs. He also plays Australian Rules and is a long-distance runner.