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This is in 1970, uuhh I’d mm left school in 1966 and here I was out in with my first school. I am up here. This is a teacher’s hostel. It was in St Kilda road. It was called Warwheeler. There are 80 odd country boys there that all got studentships to train as teachers and we lived together for three years. Some of the people in this photo are lifetime friends. My enjoyment for the day is when I when I go walk around the college. I go into a class as I talk to the teachers. I may get invited in to a classroom when they doing a survey for example or they may want to talk to me about the olden days.

In 1992 the then government closed 55 schools throughout the state. We were one of those 55 schools. We reopened because two of our Indigenous students took the government to Equal Opportunity Board and three years later the high court instructed the state government to reopen the college. Teaching is to do about people, leading people uuhh having a network and that something that I was blessed with. At our school uhh we like to think that we can provide a pathway, a realistic pathway for everybody that comes here. It’s a great job. Uuhh if you are a people’s person you are going to get lot and lots rewards.

You are dealing with young people growing up and blooming, you see it, you are part of it, it’s very very rewarding.