



## Andrew Nimmo (1913-1983) Foundation Principal, Mount Gravatt Teachers' College

Andrew James Nimmo was appointed as a teacher in 1931 and after war service from 1942-1946 assumed a number of significant leadership roles with the Queensland Department of Education: Assistant to the Director of Primary Education (1949), District Inspector of Schools (1956), the first Staff Inspector of Schools in Queensland (1963) and Principal of the Kedron Park Teachers' College (1965).

In 1969, Andrew Nimmo was appointed Foundation Principal of the Mount Gravatt Teachers' College, a position he occupied until his retirement in 1977. In this role he provided outstanding leadership to the College and was instrumental in implementing his vision for teacher education, namely that "children deserve good teachers and future teachers deserve good training. It's as simple as that." After a long association with the Brisbane College of Advanced Education, the Mount

Gravatt Teacher's College campus joined Griffith University in 1990 and Andrew Nimmo's principle is still enshrined in the quality teacher education programs offered by Griffith's Faculty of Education in the new millennium.

As well as dedicating his life to improving education standards, Andrew Nimmo was committed to community service through his involvement with Rotary International and the Junior Red Cross. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to the latter.

In 1993, the University recognised Andrew Nimmo's distinguished service to education and to the community by naming the auditorium on the Mount Gravatt campus "The Andy Nimmo Auditorium".