



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Free Kindergarten Union of Victoria
ACCESSION NO	83/121
CATEGORY ACTIVITY	
DATE RANGE	1907-1967
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1.25 m. (7 archive boxes + 1 vol.)
DATE OF TRANSFER	31 March 1983
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open

DESCRIPTION	<p>The FKUV was established in 1908 to unite all free kindergartens and to maintain a high standard of work. From its inception, the need for trained kindergarten teachers was considered essential. John Smyth (Professor of Education) and Ellen Pye (State Education Dept.) developed a training course which depended on the co-operation between the Kindergarten Training College and the FKU. In 1917 the union was granted registration by the Council of Public Instruction as a training centre for kindergarten teachers. In 1922, as enrolments increased the union moved to premises in Kew. Autonomy was granted to the Training College by the FKU in 1964 and it became the Kindergarten Teachers' College.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	<p>This collection complements the collections of the Free Kindergarten Association of Victoria (86/153) and the Institute of Early Childhood Development.</p>
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1		Council	1908-1944
1		Loose minutes 1908-1912	
1		Loose minutes 1911-1914 NB. It is unclear how these minutes accord with the items above and below. They may be a duplicate set.	
1		Minute book 1912-1919	
1		Minute book 1919-1929	
2		Minute book Jun 1929-Apr 1931. NB. These minutes are bound with minutes of the *Executive for 1922-1925 and are housed with them.	
1		Minute book Jun 1931-Nov 1944	
2-3		Executive	1908-1949
2		Minutes in black exercise book Oct 1908-Sep 1911	
2		Minutes in black exercise book Feb 1912-Oct 1913	
2		Minute book 1917-1922	
2		*Minute book 1922-1925	
3		Minute book Sep 1925-May 1929	
3		Minute book 1929-1933	
3		Minute book 1933-1938	
3		Minute book 1938-1941	
O/S		Minute book Jul 1941-Dec 1947	
2		Sub-committee	1909-1912
2		Minutes in black exercise book Mar 1909-Jan 1912	
		Education Committee	
2		Minutes in black exercise book May 1911-Jun 1913	
4		Minute book Jul 1937-Nov 1946	
4		Finance Committee	
4		Minute book 1935-1946	
4		House Committee	
4		Minute book 1922-1937	
5		Annual Reports	1908-1968
5		FKUV 1911-1968 (incomplete set)	
5		FKU South Australia 1908/9-1909/10	
5		Constitution	1935
5		Rules and Regulations	1926
5		FKUV, two brochures	n.d.
5		<i>Kindergarten News : FKUV's monthly news sheet</i> One bound volume, Feb 1948-Sep 1949. Some loose copies, 1946-1947.	
5		Programme: <i>Who's Who at the Pioneers Ball.</i>	1934

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		[The Victorian Centenary ball was presented by the FKUV].	
5		Correspondence re training. [A folder of correspondence between FKUV Executive members and the Victorian Education Department re the accreditation of kindergarten teacher training].	1908-1917
5		Newscuttings. [Loose newscuttings on matters of interest to FKUV].	Various
5		Miscellaneous documents. [Four miscellaneous documents].	
6		Carlton Free Kindergarten [This kindergarten, also known as the Bouverie Street Kindergarten, was established in 1901 by the Baptist Union of Victoria].	1903-c1952
6		Committee minutes May 1932 - Sep 1939	
6		Committee minutes Sep 1939 – May 1945	
6		Committee minutes 1945 - 1949	
6		Executive Committee minutes Sep 1933 - May 1940	
6		Executive Committee minutes July 1940 – Aug 1946	
6		Annual Reports & Notes of Work [Annual Reports 1903, 1916/17-1949/50; Notes of Work (printed) 1905, 1907, 1909, 1912, 1914]	
6		Publications [Copies of the <i>Victorian Baptist Witness</i> with articles on and including a history of the Carlton Free Kindergarten; CFK concert programme].	
6		Reports and reminiscences. [Reports by staff and reminiscences by past students].	
6		Registration book. Names of children enrolled, 1901-1928	
6		Visitors' book. 1921 - 1951	
6		Two notebooks of Mrs EM Perrin, committee member. [Includes newscuttings].	
7		FKUV Directors' Association	
7		Minutes in six black exercise books, 1912 - 1952	
7		Collingwood Mission Free Kindergarten	1907-1970
7		Collingwood Creche Free Kindergarten Sub-committee minutes, Nov 1924 – Mar 1930.	
7		Annual Reports, 1907-10, 1920-22, 1925-32, 1934-48, 1950-70.	

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