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Here is an excerpt from "Bedbugs, Daygos and Slabs":

Geoff Goodfellow was a student in the 1960s. He remembers some of the teachers of the time, "The Department of Education sent us some really interesting blokes (and they were all blokes) out Glenfield way to knock knowledge into us. A hell of a mixed bag, when you think about it. But having said that, they were generally a committed lot and many were good teachers.

Science teacher and first grade rugby coach, "Tige" MacPherson, became a legend in a career spanning many years at Hurlstone, with his filthy old roll-your-own fags struck to his bottom lip as he irreverently barked commands at you. It is rumoured his dirty old nicotine stained lab coat had to be washed in a chemical cocktail with about 73% sulphuric acid to get it clean enough to wear. It certainly looked like it had.

Dick [what do you think you are doing, son] Horne also created an indelible image, but under that miserable, hard, almost sadistic veneer, methinks there may have been a decent human hidden in those stuffy suits.

Then there was "Boney" Davis, who once uttered the classic line, "Listen son, I happen to know your IQ and you're not too bright". The same bloke suggested Tony Souter "had the brains of a Dorset Horn Ram"

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