

## **Free education (1947 and 1966)**

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NARRATOR 1: Some of them to go private schools, but most of them go to free, State Government schools. For, in Australia, every child must begin his education when he is six years old.

The age when compulsory education finishes varies with the different States, between 14 and 16 years. Up to the end of the secondary school course, education has been provided free.

In Australia, every child has the chance of a university education because those students who qualify for it, but whose means are limited, can get assistance from the Commonwealth Government up to £3 a week.

NARRATOR 2: Most of our schools are built and run by the government. Education is free and open to everyone.