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NAME OF COLLECTION	Ellis, Frank
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HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Ellis was born in 1886 and educated at the Prince Alfred College in Adelaide. After graduating he worked as a lecturer at the Technical College in Tasmania from 1910 until his appointment in 1918 as Superintendent. Ellis resigned in 1927 when he was appointed Principal of the Melbourne Technical College and became a key figure in the movement to establish Melbourne's first institute of technology. He was Secretary of the Technical University Development Committee and Honorary Treasurer of the Institute of Industrial Management, Australia. During World War Two, Ellis trained technical personnel. He retired from Melbourne Technical College in 1952 .</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	13 May 1976
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: ELLIS, Frank
MAIN ACTIVITY: Principal, Melbourne Technical College,
1927-52
ADDRESS: Deceased
TRANSFEROR: Mr. Anthony Dare
DATE OF TRANSFER: 13 May 1976
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GENERAL NOTE: The documents are those referred to
in Mr. Dare's M.Ed. Thesis "The Movement to Establish a
Higher Technological Institute in Victoria 1940-63",
being photocopies and duplicates of originals forming part
of the Ellis Collection (see Close to Murray-Smith,
22 June 1976).

Unless otherwise stated, the documents below are photocopies.

1. Notes headed "Faculty of Technology", listing precedents for such a Faculty.
Dated by hand 12 October 1940, and attached to copy of letter (addressee's name omitted) written from "Cumledge", Geelong, Victoria.
12 October 1940

Fall in prestige of the technical institutions, e.g. School of Mines and Melbourne Working Men's College and preference for men with University training. Development in the Technical Education system since 1910. Technical Education should be an integral part of system, running parallel with, not converging to University. Melbourne Technical College should be recognized head of Higher Technical Education in Victoria, with power to grant degree in Technical Science, and Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong affiliated with it to enable them to offer certification equal to University degrees. Eltham's recommendations should be considered by committee of Technical Schools Association. Board needed to investigate and recommend on Technical University.

2p

2. Frank Ellis to Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Beaurepaire).
14 November 1940

Encloses notes on need for Engineering Technical Institution.

4p

3. Notes of an address given by Mr. Frank Ellis, M.A., B.E., Principal of the Melbourne Technical College, at the Annual Conference of the Technical Schools Association of Victoria on the 31 October 1941.
Roneoed copy.

Ellis outlines the strengths and weaknesses of technical schools, his concept of technical education, his solution to problems (the placing of more power in hands of Councils, granting of higher salaries to staff, and greater ease of promotion within the system).

10p

4. Notes of Conference between representatives of the Council of Public Education, Melbourne Technical College and Melbourne University, held 2 April 1941, to discuss question of closer co-operation between the University and the Melbourne Technical College in regard to the granting of diplomas and degrees in engineering.
5p

Letter covering the above from John Roberts, Registrar, Council of Public Education, to Ellis.
18 April 1941

5. Memorandum on Co-operation between University and Melbourne Technical College.
Dated by hand 22.5.41.

Ellis comments upon memorandum prepared by Professor Greenwood on establishment of a Faculty of Technology at the University of Melbourne, which has been accepted by a Committee of the University and Melbourne Technical College meeting with representatives of the Education Department. He thinks memorandum's weakness from College point of view (danger of College losing authority to University) minimal.

In following two pages under heading of "Faculty of Technology" Ellis supports the Greenwood memorandum and recommends that it be submitted to the Education Committee for discussion and report to next meeting of Council.
3p

6. Ellis to J.A. Seitz, Director of Education, Melbourne.
24 June 1941

Notifies him that College Council has adopted Memorandum.

7. Ellis to Seitz.
19 August 1941

Asks for information concerning progress at University of Melbourne for issue of Degree in Applied Science.

8. Seitz to Ellis.
20 August 1941

Suggests Ellis make personal enquiry to Vice-Chancellor concerning Memorandum.

9. Proposed Victorian College of Technology: Draft of proposals for the consideration of the Council of the Melbourne Technical College.
(A duplicate from Ellis collection, roneoed, with MS note: "Prelim. Draft: copy to Aird 21.7.44").
34p plus "Report of Special Committee Appointed by Council in Connection with the Proposal for the Establishment of a College of Technology",
18 Sept. 1944
10. The Technical College: its Place in the Educational System.
No date
A duplicate from Ellis collection, roneoed.
Paper presumably presented by Ellis.
8p
11. A Digest of The Report on Higher Technological Education, 1944. ("Percy Report") Prepared by Seitz Committee on the Establishment of an Institute of Technology, 1946.
7p
12. Ellis to Aird, Eltham, Clarey and Storey.
Letter covering copy of Digest (see above).
11 April 1946
13. Comments by Dr. Carl T. Compton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
17 April 1946
5p
14. D.K. White, Secretary, Education Department, to Ellis.
Notice of first meeting (2 May) of Committee to advise Minister on establishment of Institute of Technology.
18 April 1946
15. Agenda for above meeting, 1p, notes of meeting attached.
6p
16. Ellis to J. Peart, Education Department, Technical Schools' Branch, 12 June 1946, enclosing report of meeting of sub-committee (Greenwood, Wark, Eltham, Ellis).
21 May 1946
4p
17. Ellis to Eltham, Greenwood, Hartnett, Storey.
9 October 1946
Encloses statement embodying recommendations of sub-committee meeting on 8 October.
6p
18. Ellis to Professor J.N. Greenwood.
17 October 1946
Suggests amendments to report of sub-committee.
Amended copy of report. (Report 11 October 1946).
4p

19. L.L. Galvin, Minister of Lands, to Hon. P.J. Clarey, MLC, Minister of Labour and Employment.
4 March 1946
(Copy forwarded by Clarey.)
Rejects request for reservation of the Olympic Park as a site for an Institute of Technology.
20. Minutes of meeting to discuss site for the Institute of Technology with Clarey.
22 March 1946
Sites discussed: Dynon Road, Batman Avenue, Flemington Bridge.
21. Report to the Minister for Public Instruction the Hon. Francis Field, M.A., LL.B, MLA, upon the Establishment of an Institute of Technology.
(Chairman of Committee, J.A. Seitz, Director of Education). Duplicate copy.
No date.
22. Francis Field, Minister of Public Instruction, to Ellis.
20 August 1947
Government's acceptance in principle of Report on Establishment of Institute. Appreciation of Ellis's work on Committee.
23. Ellis to Hon. W.F. Kent Hughes, Minister of Public Instruction.
10 June 1948
Refers to proposal for evolution of Melbourne Technical College into Institute of Technology, which followed upon Ellis's report made after U.S.A. trip. College's building plan. Precedent provided by N.S.W. Institute. Encloses précis of "The Percy Report" (See No.11 above).
3p.
24. Ellis to the Hon. T.T. Hollway, MLA, Premier of Victoria.
10 January 1949
Expresses pleasure at Press report of Hollway's proposal to call conference to discuss establishment of Institute of Technology.
Lists "Investigatorial and research work of value to the State and to the Commonwealth" being done at Melbourne Technical College.
2p.
25. J.A.L. Matheson, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Melbourne, to Ellis.
18 February 1949
On suggestion of Hollway, Matheson invites Ellis to discuss scheme for Technical University.

26. Ellis to Matheson.
29 August 1949

Advises that Melbourne Technical College accepts, as basis for discussion, proposals for a College of Technology of Melbourne University, comprising Engineering, Architecture Schools of University and Fellowship Diploma Schools of Melbourne Technical College. Council desires co-ordination of Technical system from Junior Technical School to degree at College, and that provision be made for evening students.

2p

27. Agenda for meeting called by Minister of Education for 20 April 1950, to consider establishment of Institute of Technology.

Attached:

Report of proceedings of the above meeting.

13p.

28. 1. V.T. Lingam, Acting Secretary, Melbourne Technical College Students' Representative Council, to Ellis.
21 June 1955

Encloses draft copy of proposed University of Technology pamphlet for Ellis's consideration. Original.

Attached:

"Draft Pamphlet by Technical University Development Committee". Editors A.G. Goodwin and V.T. Lingam. Roneoed copy.

17p.

Chart showing manner of entry to courses to be offered.

Photocopy.

2. Memorandum for Mr. MacKay concerning University of Technology Committee meeting to be held
26 November 1955.

2p

3. Victoria Needs an Institute of Technology.
Booklet published by Technical University Development Committee, formed 1954 (Ellis Secretary).