Remembering Territory families

Growing up – the 1900s

Well my mother’s an Aboriginal woman... Arrernte tribe... I grew up in Alice Springs as a child... Well the only things that I could remember is when I went to school at Mrs Ida Stanley’s school. When I was small I couldn’t remember the other. So we were all at Mrs Standley’s school at a place called Bungalow and I went to school there...

We didn’t worry about anything in those days. We knew we had to go to school, we were there and we had to do our little chores there – carry the water from the police station to the ‘Bungalow’ and fill up the water tanks, and clean around the place; and we’d learn our lessons – that’s all we knew.

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