**Beecroft School – Ellswood**

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 2 Apr 1910**

Beecroft.

**New Term**. – The second term in connection with Ellswood school, Malton-road, Beecroft, commences on the 10th April. Though only a short time established, the new college has made very satisfactory progress indeed, and the parents who sent their children there have every reason to be satisfied with the result.

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FUNCTION AT BEECROFT.

The annual breaking-up entertainment and distribution of prizes won during the year by the pupils of Ellswood Ladies College, Beecroft, was held under most favourable auspices at the Church of England Hall. The young ladies had spent a lot of time in careful preparation and the result was an excellent entertainment, which reflected great credit upon Mrs. Boylson and the Misses Boylson, the principal and teachers, and also upon the talented young ladies who took part.

[EXTRACT]

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 Jul 1913**

Woman Killed on the Line.

A shocking fatality occurred at Beecroft on Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Mary Boylson, a widow, residing at Beecroft, was killed whilst crossing the line.

Mrs. Boylson was the proprietor of Ellswood College, Malton-road, Beecroft, where she resided with several of her daughters. On the day of her death, she had been in Sydney, and had returned to Beecroft in the 5.29 p.m. train. Alighting at Beecroft, she walked to the northern end of the station, and waited until the train went on. She then attempted to cross the line, unaware that a passenger train from Hornsby was approaching the station. Several men, however, saw the train, and called out to her. Mrs. Boylson stopped, and looked around; and at that instant the front of the engine struck her, and hurled her, lifeless, on to the space between the two sets of rails. Dr. Rygate was sent for, and on examining the body he expressed the opinion that the injuries had been instantaneously fatal. The body was taken to the deceased’s late residence.

The crossing where the accident occurred is considered a very dangerous one, as there is a curve in the line near the northern end of the station, and as this is on a down grade, trains approaching from Hornsby make little noise, and can be seen under favourable conditions but a short distance away. With a train leaving the station at the same time as one train coming into it, the danger is greatly intensified, as the noise of the outgoing train drowns that made by the other, and the first train also obscures the view of the second train from the passengers on the western platform.