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apprenticeship trade in 1953, day classes in cabinet making, upholstery and French polishing were introduced while in 1957, the school received its first railway department apprentices in upholstery. 1961 and 1963 saw the completion of new trade blocks for this division. From February 1965, the flat glass trade – glass cutting, silvering and sandblasting – was proclaimed an apprenticeship trade, and classes began under B. Shugg.

In January 1916, HM A.E. Tutton took charge of 120 boys enrolled for a Junior Boys School. The following May saw 33 boys enrolled in evening preparatory classes. This boys secondary section has its counterpart in the girls secondary section. In September 1919 the Department appointed Miss F. Swan first teacher in-charge of the latter. In 1925, a plan for a domestic economy centre was submitted to the Department, but not until 1929 did the Government and Council buy a suitable site in Hornby St. Difficulties followed, and a school residence in Hornby St, remodelled as a Cookery School, opened in 1937. However, in April 1955 the Girls School in Hornby St was officially opened as part of the centenary celebrations of the City of Prahran.

RINGWOOD:

In June 1957 the Department advertised this school as the Mitcham Technical School for boys. Principal Gordon M. Veitch and his staff of five had to house 91 boys at Ferntree Gully Technical School in 1958. He formed the School Council under the Presidency of Major General L.E. Beavis CB, CBE, DSO, formerly Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan. The following year the whole school transferred to an unused section of the Lilydale State School. A site of several acres was purchased in Heathmont from the Romford family who had been citizens of Ringwood for three generations. In 1958 North Box Hill Coeducational Technical School appeared in Department advertisements, but only the girls' section of this new experiment in technical education could be formed. HM W. Cotes and 60 Form I girls with their teachers, were housed at the Box Hill Girls Technical School. Further difficulties led the Department to decide on the establishment of a coeducational technical school for the Ringwood–Heathmont district, in temporary accommodation at Lilydale. The Department erected a standard type building on the Heathmont site. In February 1960, the boys and girls eagerly attacked the task of developing the first coeducational technical school. Principal E.J. Heard took charge in 1962, and the building was extended with the second and third stages and the erection of the assembly hall (1967). The Parents' Citizens' and Teachers' Association, formed in 1961, and the Mothers' Club have proved industrious and invaluable organisations. In 1969, enrolments numbered 356 girls, 536 boys and 419 evening students.

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Ringwood Technical School Cookery Centre

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Science class at Ringwood Technical School

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