

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

~~COLES STORES~~ ~~1957~~

The foundation stone was laid on 15th August 1889 by Mrs. J.K. Turnbull, with a silver trowel presented by Cr. Thos. Grant. The school, No. 2997, although not in use, is still on the original site behind Coles Stores. The first teacher was Mr. J. Sweeney who was later transferred to Bendigo. His successor was Mr. Hocking.

STATE SCHOOL NO. 2997

One acre of land at the corner of White Horse Rd. and Ringwood St. was purchased for the School Feb. 19, 1889, and the School was opened on Dec. 1, 1889. It may be of interest to note that State School No. 2242 (timber) White Horse Rd. Mitcham, was opened on Feb. 6, 1880 and Eliza J. McIntosh was the head teacher.

This School was closed on Nov. 30, 1889 and the building was removed to State School No. 2997, Ringwood, and used as a teachers residence. Owing to the ever increasing population, the school became too overcrowded and it was decided to build a larger school. Eventually an area of approximately $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres was obtained in Greenwood Ave. and a new school erected in 1922 bearing the number 2997.

All the ~~teachers~~ pupils and teachers, including the head teacher, Mr. W. Broben, were transferred from the old school to the new building which was opened early in 1922 by Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister of Education

The Railways employees at Ringwood made a present of a modern eight-day clock to the State School Committee, the inscription is -
"Presented to the Ringwood State School on
the Opening of the School by the Railway
Staff, June 1922".

The clock is behind the door of the main entrance to the School and is keeping accurate time.

On the closing of the original school one acre of land at the corner of White Horse Rd. and Ringwood St. was subdivided in 1924 and sold in lots to the Post Office (£900), State Savings Bank (£875), and Mr. Edward Miles (£3000)

FIRST SCHOOL ERECTED
IN RINGWOOD

The first school No. 1451 (timber) erected in Ringwood with quarters for the teacher was built on the 20th April, 1874 at a cost of £351 on the Old Road Ringwood on an area of 5 acres of reserved Crown land.

This school was opened on the application

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of Mr.J.Maggs and others.

The first head teacher was Mr.Edward Feehan Cass, from Sept.10, 1874, until July 31,1893, when the school was amalgamated with State School No.2997, Ringwood.

For a period his wife, Mrs.Jane Cass, was an assistant at the school. On the closing of the school Mr.Cass was an assistant at State School No.2997 until Oct.30,1893 when he became head teacher of State School No.3081, Pascoe Vale.

On the 17th June,1903 four acres of land was revoked for school purposes and the remaining acre was retained and is now associated with State School No.4180, Ringwood East. This school in the coaching and prosperous mining days was well known as "Cass's School" and many a successful business man of these days owes his early tuition and training to the learned teacher with whose name it has ever been associated.

State School NO.4120 Ringwood North

Two acres of land for this school was given as a gift by Mrs.W.S.Williams. Tenders were called for the work of building the school, and the successful tenderer was Mr.E.S.Murray, Builder, of Bedford Rd. Ringwood. The contract price accepted was £679.

The school was opened on 24th Oct.1923, and the first head teacher was Mr.Roland J.Mason.

State School No.4180 Ringwood East

The school site of 4 acres was purchased on the 13th July,1921 from Edward Lindsay at a cost of £280. The successful tenderer for the building of the school was Mr.A.E.Wieland, of Camberwell, and the contract price £2227.

The school was opened by Mr.W.H.Everard,MLA, on 6th Aug.1924. Mr.Walter W.Whittle was the first head teacher.

A further acre of land adjoining was obtained from Mr.T.N.J.Tannock in 1952 at a cost of £430.

Winnington Grammar

This school was begun in the Church of England, which, at that time, was situated in White Horse Rd. Ringwood, by the Misses Hall (Miss Crampton Hall and Miss Irene Hall). Eventually they decided to build a school, and went to what was then quite a country part, Ringwood St.

The name Winnington was chosen as it was the name of a school in England to which John Ruskin went often to talk to the girls and to whom he read

some of his books.

Pupils are taken from the Montessori stage right up to the higher classes of learning. The school motto is "Ad Altiora" (Towards Higher Things) The school had good teachers for special subjects and amongst them was Miss Georgie Claridge, a highly qualified musician.

Many pupils passed through the school and are now well known doctors, teachers, and in other callings in many walks of life.

The children were encouraged to help others, and "Winnington" was the first school to join the Junior Red Cross.