

The Nurse Aid Training School was erected in 1870 as a Hospital for the children of the Industrial School.

Many arrived in Sandhurst in very poor condition and needed a great deal of careful nursing.

Boys and Girls were sent in batches of 100 over a period of eight years.

They were dressed in job lots of clothing all dyed the one colour so that they would be easily recognised should they absconded.

The withdrawal of the children in 1878 gave the opportunity to use the building for another purpose, that of a lying in hospital for frequent females who were sent there to await the arrival of their infants. The lying in Hospital opened in 1884 and was used for

and the building was used for this purpose up until the end of the first World War.

The first female nurse was appointed in 1910 so presumably they nursed themselves.

The building was then considered as a Phy PHTHISIS clinic in 1921 and was probably used for this work prior to the erection of the Commonwealth Health Laboratory.

In 1941 it was added to the Base Hospital as a

Nurses home

I am sure you have put the building
to good use during your studies.

Recent additions will enhance its value

and I trust the school will continue to

play a vital role in our hospital system.