

IMAGES OF YALLOURN

YALLOURN'S FIRST SCHOOL

100 YEARS AGO – 1922



This photograph is said to have been taken in 1922. The first school at Yallourn was a weatherboard cottage at 4 Hillside. Source: 'Virtual Yallourn'



This photograph is entitled 'First pupils and students' Source: 'Virtual Yallourn.'

NOTES ON EARLY DAYS OF SCHOOLING AT YALLOURN

1. It is one hundred years ago since the first school in Yallourn was opened. In the '1921 SEC Report on the 'Establishment on Township at Yallourn'

there are several clauses related to 'Sites for Educational Purposes' which refer to the provision of a primary school and ...

"...for a secondary or technical school, for, as the district develops, the Education Department may see fit to make Yallourn a centre for technical instruction."

2. An early reference to the establishment of a school in the town of Yallourn was found in 'The Age' (January 25th 1922)... *"Seven acres have been reserved for a primary school..."*
3. According to the Virtual Yallourn website, the first school at Yallourn was opened on February 13th 1922.
4. The building, as shown above, was located at Number 4 Hillside.
5. Mr Tysoe (a relieving teacher) was the first headmaster. Sometimes Tysoe was written in error as 'Tyson.'
6. On April 1st 1922, Mr Flanagan replaced Mr Tysoe.
7. According to 'Vision and Realization', Mr Joseph Dobrigh became the headmaster in 1923.
8. It is reported that attendance at the school increased steadily throughout 1922 and had reached 77 pupils by December. Enrolments at the school increased to 139 pupils by the end of 1923.
9. In 1925, the school was relocated to Outlook Road which would, in time (i.e. February 1945), become the High School.



This photograph is part of a collection at the State Library of Victoria. It is entitled: 'Yallourn State School, pupils & parents 19-5-1925.' Reference: ID; 2027460.

10. Other headmasters in those formative years of schooling at Yallourn were Mr Eddy (1924-25), Mr Godden (1926) and Mr Bull (1927-30).

11. Secondary education in Yallourn began in 1928.
12. In 1930, St Therese's Catholic School commenced classes.
13. The 'new' State School 4085 opened in 1932 (ie in Banksia Crescent)
14. The building of a new Yallourn Technical School was well underway by 1936. The 'ultra-modern' construction was designed by the Chief Architect of the Victorian Public Works Department, Percy Everett. Percy's amazing life story can be found at this link:
<https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/everett-percy-edgar-10136>



The pride of Yallourn. This photograph shows the YHS from Outlook Road. There are literally hundreds of comments and photos in the Virtual Yallourn website to confirm that the school served the families of the town and district in splendid fashion. The motto of the school was 'Consilio et animus.' The following quote is from the 1947 Speech Night Report by Mr. John. E. Menadue: *"I wish to remind all students and ex-students that this school has a motto on its badge which should strengthen you in time of difficulty and inspire you at all times to try and attain to the highest that life can give – "consilio et animis" i.e. let us by wisdom and by courage strive to excel in all that is good and great."*



The above photograph of the Yallourn School, in its early days, was taken from Latrobe Avenue. A group of children can be seen in the photo. Yallourn High School opened its doors at the Outlook Road site on the 6th February 1945. It is documented that 290 pupils were enrolled on that day.

15. Another important chapter, regarding education in Yallourn, was written following the cessation of hostilities of World War: II, when in July 1948, the Yallourn Kindergarten, commenced operation with an enrolment of 55 youngsters. (See the Virtual Yallourn website)

OTHER ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS

A comprehensive article regarding the first Yallourn School can be found by clicking on this link ...

[Yallourn Primary School Opening - 1922 YPS | www.virtualyallourn.com](http://www.virtualyallourn.com)

An article regarding the opening of the Yallourn High School in February 1945 can be found by clicking on the link;

<https://www.virtualyallourn.com/stories/newspapers-1945-opening-yallourn-high-school>

For those readers who may be interested in student enrolments, headmasters and principals at Yallourn HES and the High School from 1925-1977 please click on this link:

<https://www.virtualyallourn.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Enrolment%20List%201928%20to%201977.pdf>

An article regarding Mr John Menadue can be found at:

<https://www.virtualyallourn.com/media-archive/document/images-yallourn-john-menadue-and-yallourn-high-school>

Other photographs and articles regarding the schools of Yallourn can be found on this website by typing the word 'School' into the search field at the top right hand corner of this page.

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