

## HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

The date that the original New Norfolk Public School was opened has, as yet, not been discovered from records available at the State Archives; however, some interesting facts about the school have been ascertained.

The first regular Methodist Service in New Norfolk was held in 1834 under a gum tree, which was situated in the school grounds. Because it became dangerous, this tree was removed in 1972. A plaque and a framed photograph are all that remain in the school to remind people of this piece of history.

The 1860 report of the Board of Education stated that the New Norfolk Public School had 42 scholars and was a “first rate school”.

On the 13th May, 1861, New Norfolk was given a grant of £1,200 for the erection of a new school house and teachers residence. For reasons unknown the building was not completed until 1867 at a cost of £849. The local contribution to this cost was £300 and the grant had been reduced to £600. This building was demolished in 1966.

At present the school consists of the Blair Street Kindergarten campus (from the beginning of 1993) and, at the main campus, 3 main buildings - the eastern wing of the older section of the school was erected in 1912; the northern wing of the same section, (except for the northern-most classroom) was added in 1930; the last-mentioned classroom was added in 1944; finally, the newer block was begun in 1960 and completed in 1963.

In 2011 a three year refurbishment was completed, funded by the \$2.59m Federal BER initiative and a \$2.59m State grant. This has provided us with an outstanding facility that includes large contemporary learning spaces, state of the art technology, and extended General Purpose Hall, Library and dedicated Computer Education facility.

