Welcome to St Andrew’s School!

This booklet has been designed as a self-guided tour of the history of St Andrew’s School, from its beginning on 23 September 1850 to 14 March 2015 when the school celebrated its 165th anniversary at an Open Day. It is an update of the original that was published for the School’s 150th sesquicentenary year. I would like to acknowledge the work of Dorian Black as the co-ordinator and the School Archivist, Leonie Castle and her colleague, Joyce Tyrrell (deceased) for undertaking the research. Many of the images are from our archives, recent photographs courtesy of John McKechnie (deceased).

St Andrew’s enjoys the reputation of a flourishing specialist primary school that celebrates its history and traditions while looking forward to the future. A new Master Plan is being prepared in the 165th year to ensure that the best learning environments will be provided to our students now and in the future.

If this booklet prompts memories of your school days at St Andrew’s, you are most welcome to contact our Archives or our Old Scholars’ Association to share your information.

Deb Dalwood
Principal
Schoolroom
Opened 23 September 1850

The enthusiastic builders of the Church felt that a school should be opened in Walkerville to provide elementary education for “children of the industrial classes” and “within the principles of the teaching of the Church of England”.

The land 50’ x 100’ cost £6.10.0. The building 20’ x 40’ with stone walls, thatched roof, wooden ceiling and a bellcote was built at a cost of £132. The founders considered that the building was big enough for 200 students.

In 1880 a new platform was built in the classroom for £5. The bellcote eventually had to be removed as the bricks had weathered badly.

In 1945 Rev. Cecil Eggleton had the narrow windows replaced with larger ones and a porch built on the front entrance to lessen the noise of the trams.

Headmaster: Mr William Owen

Students: 57 (1852)  Staff: 1

Headmistress 1945: Mrs EA Browne

Priscilla Barker Room
Opened 1901

This room was added to the rear of the Schoolroom at a higher level and was used to teach the “babies” (lower three grades).

The room was named after Mrs Priscilla Barker who died in 1900. She had always taken a deep interest in the wellbeing of the school.

It cost £134.8.4.

A Foundation Stone was laid in 1902 by Mrs Dove. The stone can still be seen today in the original position.

Headmistress: Miss Lavinia Porter

Staff: 3

The Pavilion
Opened 1915

The Pavilion on the school playground was erected by the Old Scholars’ Association in 1915, during WWII for use at the St Andrew’s Festivals and also to farewell Old Scholars who had enlisted in the army and were about to serve overseas.

It was used for the first time on Saturday 4th December, the same day that Dove Hall was opened.

Photos show the gum trees planted along the wall of the Wesleyan Cemetery (Smith Street) on the “mound”.

The Lavinia Porter Building stands on the site of the Pavilion today.

Headmistress: Miss Lavinia Porter
Dove Hall
Opened 4 December 1915

In 1911 Archdeacon George Dove retired as Rector of St Andrew's Church.
As a fitting memorial to his work in re-forging the link between Church and School in 1870, it was decided to build Dove Hall on the Playground, near the Schoolroom.
The Foundation Stone was laid on September 25th 1915, and the Hall was officially opened on Saturday December 4th, 1915.
In 1916 it was used not only for Kindergarten classes and Sunday School but social occasions during winter.
1969-1970 - Dove Hall was modified to become two classrooms.
In the 1990s it was remodelled to become Music Teaching and Rehearsal Rooms.
In 2007 Dove Hall underwent extensive renovation and is now home to the School Uniform Shop, Upper Primary Tuckshop (distribution of lunches only), and a HUB used by students and parents for a variety of purposes.

Headmistress 1915: Miss Lavinia Porter
Principal 1990s: Mr David Woolnough
Principal 2007: Mrs Denice Scala

School Hall
Opened 1930

First used on 10th April 1930 for a Church Vestry Meeting.
By the mid-1920s the school was using the whole of Dove Hall and the Parishioners resolved to have a Hall for themselves. A block of land 120' x 230' adjacent to the Rectory was purchased for £561. The Hall was the largest in the Diocese.
In 1978 the School bought the corner block adjacent to the Parish Hall from the Church.
In 1984 the Parish Hall and the Tennis Courts were leased for 20 years from St Andrew's Parish. It was bought by the school in 1993 and it became the School Hall.
In 1997 the first stage of re-development was completed. The main area of the Hall was restored. Three Music rooms were formed and the kitchen area and amenities were refurbished.
In 2012 the School Hall was upgraded and air-conditioning was installed.

Headmistress 1930: Miss Simpson
Headmaster 1978: Mr Geoff Hewlett
Principal 1993/1997: Mr David Woolnough
Principal 2012: Mrs Deb Dalwood

Students: 130 (1926)
Kindergarten
Opened 1952

In 1950 it was decided to add a new Kindergarten to Dove Hall to commemorate the Centenary of the School.

On 12th February 1952 Miss Lawson and Miss Alexander moved into the building, but it was not officially opened until 19th April that year.

A number of changes have occurred over the years:

- **1971:** the storeroom and toilet block were modified.
- **1972 & 1975:** the playing area was developed, then improved further.
- **1974:** a cloakroom was added when the new Year Three classrooms were built.
- **1986:** the Headmaster's office moved from the Annexe of the Schoolroom to the cloakroom area.
- **1988:** the Headmaster's office was enlarged, refurbished and soundproofed. Alterations were made to the layout of the Administration quarters.
- **1991:** An office was provided for the Deputy Head.

After the Kindergarten/Prep children moved across Smith Street to the Rayner Building in 1984, this building became the Staff Room.

The building was demolished in 1998.

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Cemetery Block (Lavinia Porter Building)
Opened 1958

Enrolments were 320 in 1957 and extra classrooms were required. This block of three classrooms plus toilets beneath was officially opened on 7th June 1958.

The building was used for Years Three, Four and Five. Some classes were taught in the Parish Hall while the building was being completed.

In 1969 it was extended to create a Library, Year Seven classroom and Sick Room, with an undercroft, two small offices and Sports Store room beneath. New Changerooms were added and Toilets improved.

The Library was named the "Eggleton Library" after the Rev. Cecil Eggleton, the Rector of St Andrew's Church 1944-1966.

St Andrew’s School was the first Independent Primary School to have a full time Librarian – Mrs Bernice Martin.

This block was completely rebuilt as the Lavinia Porter Building in 1994.

| Headmaster 1958: Mr Neville Pickford                                                     | Students: 247 | Staff: 8 |
| Headmaster 1978: Mr Geoff Hewlett                                                      | Students: 323 | Staff: 14 |
| Principal 1994: Mr David Woolnough                                                    | Students: 284 | Staff: 29 |
**Short Street Block**  
*Opened 1960*

Dedicated on December 3rd 1960, this was a two storey block of six classrooms built along the Short Street side of the playground. It was built in the style of the Cemetery Block of 1958, with the upper storey being reached by a ramp instead of stairs.

Additional classrooms were needed because of increased enrolments and also to house double classes in the lower grades.

This block was completely remodelled in 1996 to match the style of the Lavinia Porter Building.

**Headmaster 1960:** Mr Neville Pickford  
**Students:** 255  
**Staff:** 12

**Principal 1996:** Mr David Woolnough  
**Students:** 79  
**Staff:**

**Annexe to the Schoolroom**  
*Opened 1965*

An annexe was added to the North West wall as Mrs Browne's Office. In 1965 it was replaced and consisted of Offices for the Headmaster and his Secretary, Store Room and facilities.

Later the Clothing Pool was located here before it became Music Rooms.

In 2010 it was remodelled and became part of the Performing Arts Centre and Gymnasium.

**Headmaster 1965:** Mr Jack Wolstenholme  
**Students:** 275  
**Staff:** 13

**Principal 2010:** Mrs Denice Scala

**School Tuck Shop**  
*Opened 1965*

In 1964 it was recommended that a Tuck Shop be provided. The Welfare Club was prepared to equip and service it if the Parish Council provided the room.

A separate Besser Block building was built behind the School Room.

In 2007 the Tuck Shop moved across the road to the ELC and this building was modified to provide two areas for music tuition and rehearsal.

In 2009 the Tuck Shop building was demolished to make room for the new performing Arts Centre/Gymnasium.

**Headmaster 1965:** Mr Jack Wolstenholme  
**Students:** 275  
**Staff:** 13

**Principal 2007/2009:** Mrs Denice Scala  
**Staff:** 132
The Honour Yard and the Tennis/Basketball Courts

This block of land was first occupied by the Boy’s Home until 1925, which was replaced by a block of flats until the 1960s when it was purchased by the School.

In 1973 a Playground was built and the land developed and used by the grade seven students as an Honour Yard; so called because they were “on their honour” to play responsibly without constant supervision.

In 1992 new Basketball/Tennis Courts were constructed on the site.

In 2010 the new Gymnasium and Performing Arts Centre was constructed on this site.

**Headmistress 1955:** Mrs E A Browne
**Students:** 190  **Staff:** 6

**Headmaster 1973:** Mr Geoff Hewlett
**Students:** 323 (1975)  **Staff:** 14

**Principal 1992:** Mr David Woolnough
**Students:** 496 (1993)  **Staff:** 48

**Principal 2010:** Mrs Denice Scala

Administration Block
(Site of General Purpose Room, Year 3 Classrooms and part of Kindergarten)

Opened 1974

In 1974 an Art and Craft Extension (General Purpose Room) was built, on the North West end of the Kindergarten Building, with two Year Three classrooms above.

A tender of $53,280 was accepted in June 1973 and work began in July.

In 1974 a plaque recognising contributions made by Parent Bodies was put up in the General Purpose Room.

In 1992 this block was completely rebuilt, and the Kindergarten demolished, to become part of the new Administration Block which opened in 1999.

**Headmaster 1974:** Mr Geoff Hewlett
**Students:** 323 (1975)  **Staff:** 14

**Principal 1998/99:** Mrs Deb Dalwood

Rayner Building
Opened 1985

The purchase of the greater part of the Kennion House Property in 1984 allowed for the development of the Junior Primary and Kindergarten/Prep sections on the northern side of Smith Street.

The KG/Prep classes moved into the Superintendent’s renovated house in June 1985, which was renovated once again in 1987.

It was officially opened and dedicated by Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Rev’d Dr Keith Rayner on 2nd April 1989 and named the Rayner Building.

The Building was remodelled again in 1992 to provide activity space for After-School Care, and again in 2012/2013.

**Headmaster 1984/85:** Mr Robert Acford
**Headmaster 1989:** Mr David Woolnough
**Principal 2012/13:** Mrs Deb Dalwood
Kennion House
Opened 1985

The original Boys’ Home was on the corner of Smith Street and Church Terrace, adjacent to the Schoolroom, and cared for orphaned and neglected boys (girls as well up until 1902).
The new Boys’ Home, Kennion House, was built in 1925 in Smith Street.
The school purchased most of the Kennion House property in 1984, and it officially opened at the end of September 1985 for the use of Years One and Two.
Year Three classes moved into Kennion House in 1990.
In 2014 it is used for Year Two students.

**Headmaster 1985:** Mr Robert Acford

Habich Building
Opened 1990

In 1989 Mrs Hazel Habich left $431,000 to the school because she was impressed by the good manners of a young St Andrew’s School boy who offered her his seat on a bus.
The former Headmaster’s residence was demolished to allow construction of five classrooms, toilets, change rooms and sport store and office.
The Junior School (Prep to Year Three) was now all on the same side of the road and could work as a unit.
The building won an Architecture Prize for Design.

**Principal 1990:** Mr David Woolnough

Lavinia Porter Building
Opened 1994

In 1993 it was decided that the existing Eggleton Library and Cemetery Block would be altered and added to, providing additional classrooms, a new Library/Resource Centre/Art Room/General Purpose Room, Meeting Room and WC for the Disabled. A Walkway from the first floor to Smith Street was added.
The Building was opened in 1994 and named the Lavinia Porter Building after the Headmistress from 1893 to 1923.
In 2007 the Eggleton library (Resource Centre) was re-modelled to become a Cybrary, a space that integrated Information Technology with the Library, focusing on independent learning.
The Cybrary opened in 2009.

**Principal 2005:** Mr David Woolnough
**Principal 2009:** Mrs Denice Scala

The Overpass
Opened 1996

In 1978 pedestrian-activated traffic lights were installed on Smith Street.
By 1985 when the Junior School moved across the road, it became more difficult for classes to move safely between the two sections of the school.
Construction of an Overpass over Smith Street to connect the Junior and Senior Campuses was begun in 1995 and completed by the beginning of 1996.
The design won a commendation in the 1996 Civic Trust of SA Awards, for steel bridges.

**Headmaster:** Mr David Woolnough
New Classrooms  
Opened 1999

In 1999 two new classrooms, an IT Room and a LOTE room were added to the Lavinia Porter Building (along Smith Street).

Work was completed by the beginning of Term One 1999 and opened in the same year as the Administration Block, completing the forming of a Quadrangle of buildings.

**Principal 1999:** Mr David Woolnough

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Amphitheatre  
Opened 1999

In 1978 the corner block adjacent to the Parish Hall was bought from the Church by the school. It was used as a general play area, until 1985 when it was used exclusively by the Kindergarten/Prep children, then later by the Reception classes in 1989.

In 1998 work was started on an Amphitheatre which was completed in 1999. The cost of the construction of the Amphitheatre was donated by the School Foundation to mark the 150th Anniversary of the School.

It was renovated again in 2012/2013.

**Headmaster 1978:** Mr Geoff Hewlett  
**Students:** 580  
**Staff:** 80  
**Principal 1999:** Mr David Woolnough  
**Principal 2013:** Mrs Deb Dalwood

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Early Learning Centre  
Opened 2005

Land on Smith Street, next to the Walkerville Uniting Church was purchased from the Nitschke Family in 2004.

The Early Learning Centre was built, and opened on 28 August 2005.

Children aged 3 - 5 years are educated here using the Reggio Emilia philosophy in a very modern complex, of three Home Rooms, central Piazza, Atelier (Art Room) and kitchen which also serves as the School Tuck Shop.

The Uniting Church Courts were purchased for additional play space, linking the ELC area to the Junior Primary area.

**Principal 2005:** Mr David Woolnough

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Western (Upper Primary) Play Space  
Opened 2008

In 2006 negotiations began to buy two properties on Church Terrace and George Street. After their purchase and demolition, the land was levelled and landscaped, being ready for use in 2008.

This area gives much needed additional playing areas for students and stretches from George Street to Church Terrace, next to the lane alongside the Performing Arts Centre/Gymnasium. The play space was re-landscaped in 2014.

**Headmaster 2006:** Mr David Woolnough  
**Principal 2008:** Mrs Denice Scala  
**Principal 2014:** Mrs Deb Dalwood
Gymnasium and Performing Arts Centre
Opened 2010

On 22nd September 2010 a new Gymnasium and Performing Arts Centre was opened to mark the 160th Anniversary of the School.

Built on the block bordered by Church Terrace, Smith Street and George Street it incorporated the Schoolroom, Priscilla Barker Room, Annexe and the Tennis/Basketball courts.

Principal 2010: Mrs Denice Scala

Year Six Learning Area
Opened 2010

Three Year Six classrooms on the Upper Level of the Lavinia Porter Building (previously the Cemetery Block) were renovated as a Learning and Science area, to form one Open Space Classroom with 'Teachers' Hub, glass dividers, wireless network and a Science Workshop.

In 2012 a door was added to connect this area with the Upper Walkway along the Short Street side.

Headmaster 1969: Mr Geoff Hewlett
Principal 1994: Mr David Woolnough
Principal 2010: Mrs Denice Scala

Walkway of Heroes
Opened 2015

In February 2015, a “Walkway of Heroes” was opened.

The pathway formerly known as The Lane, alongside the Performing Arts Centre/Gymnasium was purchased in 2014 and named the Walkway of Heroes: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. It consists of personalised engraved pavers and a memorial in honour of our Old Scholar veterans who served in the First World War.

In the future more pavers will be added.

Headmistress 1955: Mrs AE Browne
Principal 2015: Mrs Deb Dalwood

Students: 521
Staff: 89

Students: 190
Staff: 6