



Quarry Hill Primary School No. 1165

1857-1873 Charcoal Gully Common School No. 137 began as a non-vested Anglican school. It was a simple timber building in Adams Rd. between the Deborah and Garden Gully Reef Lines. It was freezing in winter and sweltering in summer. Henry Adams was the first Head Teacher 1857-1860 with an average attendance of 59 pupils.

1872 Victoria passed the Education Act making education free, compulsory and secular to the age of 15 years.

1871-1873 The Charcoal Gully School Committee applied for funding for a new school and Sandhurst East State School No. 1165 opened in Olinda St. in March 1873 with an enrolment of 251. More rooms were added in the next 10 years. The first Head Teacher was Walter Watkins 1865-1890.



1891 The school name was changed to Bendigo East S. S. 1165. As enrolments increased to 467 the building was too small and the school became an adjunct of Gravel Hill State School from 1893 until 1907.

1907-1908 The school was renamed Quarry Hill State School No. 1165 and was again a separate school. By this time the Olinda St. school building was in a state of disrepair on a small site.



Olinda Street, 1998 and inset Walter Watkins



Peel Street, 1911 and inset John A. Roach

1911 After a two year campaign for a new school by parents, local identities and politicians the Peel St. school was occupied in April 1911. It was built to accommodate 572 students. The first Head Teacher was John A. Roach 1907-1918.

1914-1918 More than 130 former Quarry Hill students and staff enlisted in World War I. Twenty one died while on active service.

2011 The new Multipurpose/Art Room building was opened in April 2011, one hundred years after the opening of the original building.



Quarry Hill Primary School, Peel Street, 2011



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