

Quorn Area School

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When the Primary and High Schools joined in 1968, on the site of the High School, substantial building had to be carried out to house the extra students. Two *Samcon* buildings were erected in an area at the rear of the stone building with an open area between.

The building on the Stokes Road side of the school site housed the year 1 – 7 students and the other building contained the Library, Offices, Activity Room, Sports Equipment, Canteen and Shelter Shed.

By the mid-seventies more than 300 students were attending the school. At that time year 11 was introduced to the school and a few years later year 12 was offered. In recent years student numbers have dropped to about 260. Some senior students take advantage of technology to study subjects not offered “face to face”. Current staff numbers about thirty.

Substantial changes also took place to the grounds with a new oval being put down on the south side of the school site and playground equipment installed for the younger students. Later a bike track was erected adjacent to the oval in an area long known as *Lake Gilbert*.

A Student representative Council replaced the old Prefect System of the High School days. In 1997 a second SRC was formed of younger students.

Over the years two other large buildings have been erected to house the woodwork/metalwork and home economics classes. There was also a new two classroom science block transported in.

On the 30th August 1987 fire erupted in the Libray/Administration *Samcon* building. This led to the complete removal of the remains of the building and the erection of a new red brick classroom block on the site.

A large Recreation Centre and canteen was built near the oval. This building provides space for school assemblies and other indoor activities. It is also used by the community.

The stone building was refurbished top provide space for the offices, staff room and School-Community Library. Students were housed in the new red brick building which included an art room. The old weatherboard art room was removed.

During the early hours of Sunday morning 15th February 2004, the Home Economics and Year 11/12 building was destroyed by fire. All student and staff work and equipment that was in the building was destroyed. The Tech Studies building was saved due to the efforts of locals seeing the fire and being able to put it out.

The *Outdoor Education Centre* (which used to be the Quorn Primary School) was refurbished by the Education Department and was used by the Year 11 and 12 students for the remainder of 2004 and the first term of 2005. During this time a new building was constructed to replace the burnt out Home Economics and Year 11/12 rooms.