

Quorn High School 1914 – 1967

Prior to 1909 students who satisfactorily completed their primary schooling were able to continue their education within the primary School. However, when the number increased substantially it was necessary to change this scheme.

In 1909 the secondary students were located in what is now the Masonic Hall on Railway Terrace. The building was rented by the Education Department and until 1913 this secondary section was worked as an adjunct of the Primary School.

In 1914 it was officially declared a High School – the first in the Northern Area. Mr Sydney S Molls was appointed headmaster and the average daily attendance was 18.4. Enrolments steadily increased until reaching an average of 40.8 in 1921.

At that time a public meeting was held to decide the future of the school. The local people raised funds, which was subsidised by the government, to build the solid stone building facing West Terrace. The five acres of land was given by the Corporation of the Town of Quorn. Eventually the money which had been raised locally was remitted by the Government to the High School Council to use for amenities.

In 1968 the Quorn High and Primary Schools were amalgamated to form Quorn Area School. More buildings were erected to cater for the increase in school population. The last headmaster was Mr R J Marshall, who continued on as principal of the newly formed Area School.