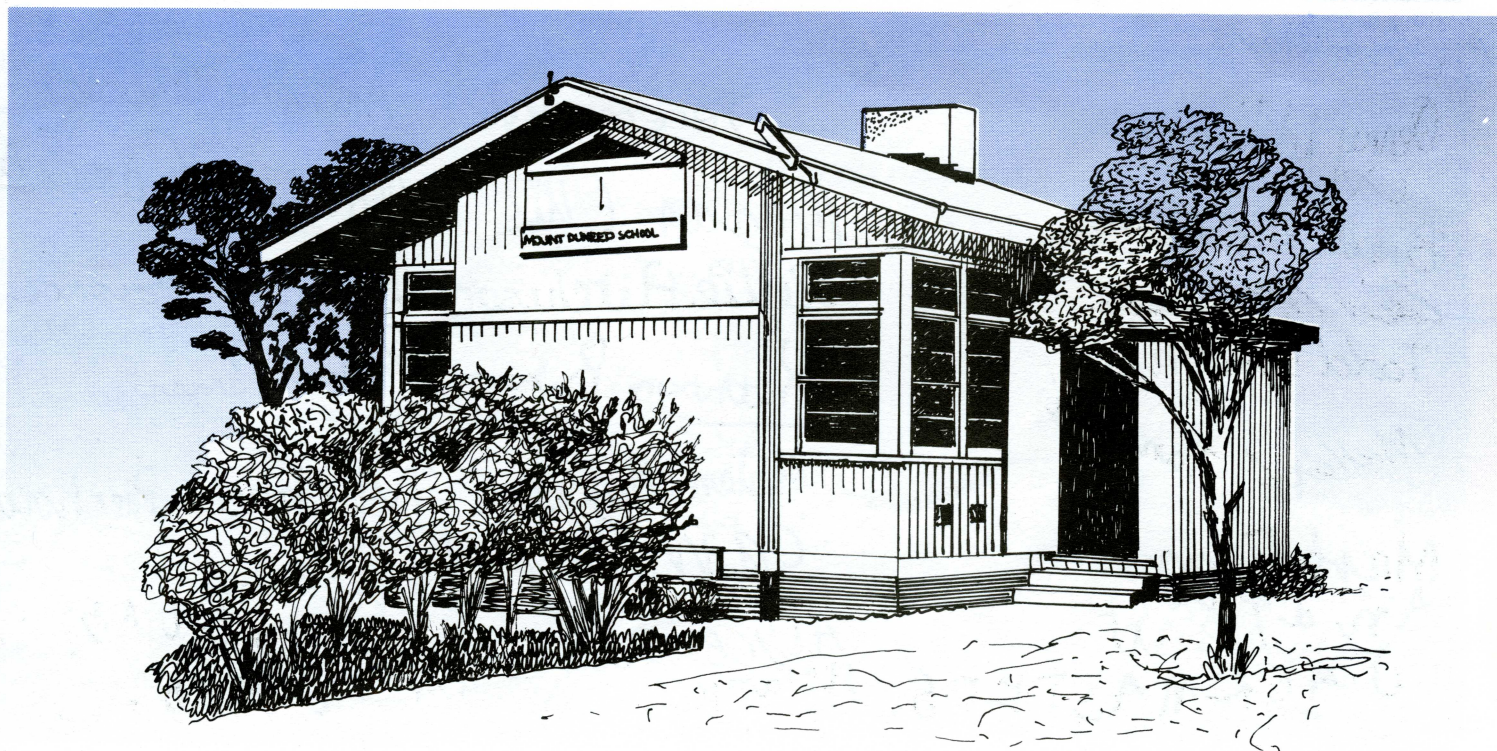


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MT. DUNEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

The general aims of Mount Duneed Primary School are:-

- to provide a happy, caring school environment where children are able to work and play together in harmony and co-operation, each respecting the contribution of all others.
- to structure an inclusive curriculum so that all children experience success, being extended to their utmost level of individual achievement, regardless of ability.
- to provide a broad range of curriculum programs which offer all children wide and varied experiences.
- to develop competency in the basic areas of Language and Mathematics.
- to foster an interest in and appreciation of The Arts.
- to introduce children to technology studies and scientific principles.
- to develop and maintain the physical well being of all pupils with an emphasis on personal health and development, fitness, participation in a range of activities/sport and sportsmanship.
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- to develop an understanding and appreciation of the environment, both locally and beyond.
- to introduce the children to L.O.T.E. which includes an understanding of that country's culture.
- to promote a peaceful, non-aggressive environment
- to prepare children for their continuing education at post primary level.
- to develop and maintain good staff, parent and community relationships.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MT. DUNEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

This area was originally called Mt. Direction. It was surveyed and opened up for sale in 1855. The name was changed in 1865 to Mt. Duneed. The first school - a slab hut - was built in the late 1850's (location uncertain). The first Head teacher was a Mr. Lewis, who was succeeded after a short time by Mrs. Isabella Stewart (who died in 1927 at the age of 96). She was followed by Mr. Alexander Stewart, assisted by his sister Miss Lily Stewart. Alexander Stewart left the school in 1867 and went on to become Inspector General of schools in Victoria.

The second building was also a primitive structure but served the purpose until 1862 when the Church of England constructed a stone school building on its property opposite the current school site. It was called a 'Common School' and was administered by the Church. This building was later used as St. Wilfrid's church. Education was not compulsory and fees were paid every Monday morning to the Head Teacher. By 1868, over 100 hundred children were attending the school with Mr. A.T. Abercrombie as Head Teacher, assisted by Mr. Thomas Rainford.

The current site was purchased by the Government for a State School in 1875. The building was constructed in 1877 and was opened on February 11, 1878. It was a substantial building designed for 80 pupils (sketched on the front cover), built of brick on bluestone foundations some of which can still be seen near the cricket practice net. There was a gallery in the school, with large photos of the early teachers and the Honour Roll of Mt. Duneed residents who served during the 1914-18 war. Mr. Abercrombie transferred from the Common School and became the first Head Teacher of the State School.

By 1928, there were so few pupils at Mt. Duneed and Freshwater Creek schools that the teacher held two days at Mt. Duneed and three days at Freshwater Creek, alternating every week. An Arbour Day was held annually to enable each pupil to plant a pine tree in the school plantation, on the site of the current tennis courts. Dances and euchre tournaments were held regularly at the school to support funds. Send-off and return home welcomes were held in the building for all men who joined the forces during the Second World War.

In 1939, due to continuing low student numbers, Mt. Duneed closed but re-opened after four years in 1943. However, on January 14th 1944, a fire started near Waurn Ponds which, fanned by a strong northerly wind, soon burned through the Mt. Duneed area. One local resident died in the fire and 14 homes, two churches and the school were destroyed. Much of the school's historical records were lost in this blaze. After the fire, the students initially had classes in the woolshed dining room at Stretton Park, then in a marquee in St. Wilfrid's grounds and finally in the reconstructed St. Wilfrid's church (late 1944). The new school building (also pictured on the front) was finished in 1946.

Three portable class rooms have been added to the school over the years since then, together with many other facilities and landscaping, provided to a significant extent by parents. The tennis courts were built in 1978 as part of the school centenary celebrations. Among many notable past students is Sir Arthur Streeton, the distinguished artist.

Derived from Mt. Duneed School Centenary Booklet (1978), South Barwon 1852-1985, St. Wilfrid's History (1972) & School Committee minutes.

THE REASON FOR THE MOVE:

For many years, a strip of land along the eastern boundary of the school has been reserved on the Title for the possible widening of Torquay Road. In 1990, the Commonwealth Government finally made available funds for this project to proceed. After various options for the future of the school were discussed with the Department of School Education, VicRoads, the Shire of Barrabool, Ministry of Housing and Construction and the School Council, it was decided to re-locate to a five acre section of the Mt. Duneed Reserve on Williams Road. This move has been made possible by an initial 15 year lease from the Shire of Barrabool and a grant from VicRoads.

The re-located Mt. Duneed School will open at the new Williams Road site at the beginning of first term 1993. The school community has appreciated the positive and co-operative approach taken by all parties in the negotiations about this move. While it is sad to leave our current site - with all its history and trees - our new location presents a great opportunity to create a stimulating educational environment for the children of Mt. Duneed.