



OUR STORY OUR JOURNEY

CLAREMONT COLLEGE
1882-2018





I ♥ MY
SCHOOL

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE OUR JOURNEY...

A JOURNEY THAT SPANS
THREE CENTURIES



OUR PLACE

THE LAND AND THE SEA

Perched high on a hill, with a wonderful view of the sea, this land was home to the Gadigal People and from this beautiful place they would view the sea. The migration of the whales would announce the seasons. A fresh water stream flowed to the sea, and it still flows below our school today. This land was rich for hunting, and the coast provided an abundance of fish and seafood for cooking and eating.

At Claremont College we value the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original owners and custodians of our land and sea. With God's help, we work together for a united Australia that respects this land of ours and values the cultural heritage and backgrounds of our families and community, and provides justice and equality for everyone.







Since 1882 we've stood,

1882

MISS JANET HYLAND FOUNDED
OUR SCHOOL ON JANUARY 18.

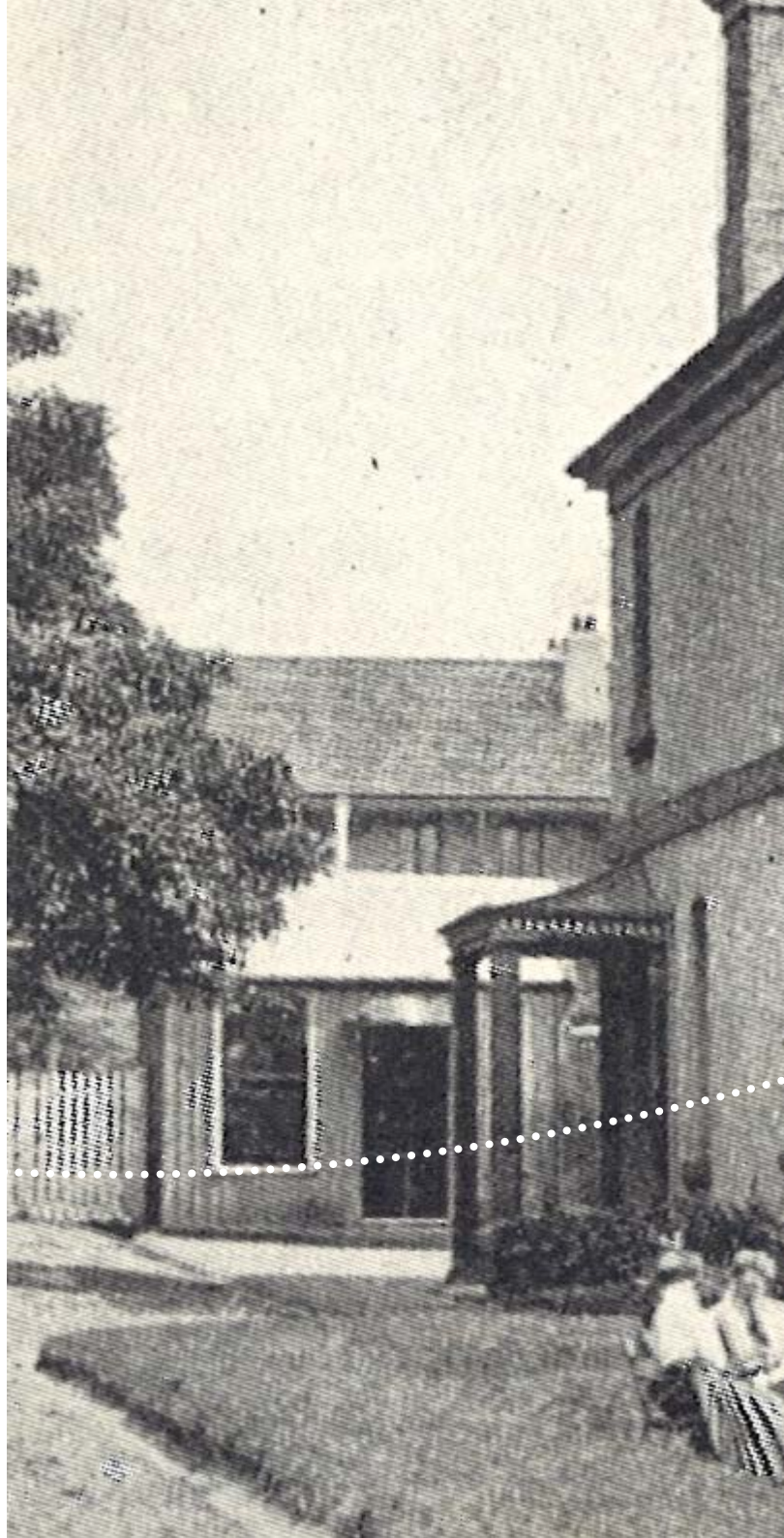
THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING WAS
AN IMPOSING TWO-STORY SANDSTONE
RESIDENCE, CALLED 'CLAREMONT'
IN JUDGE STREET RANDWICK.

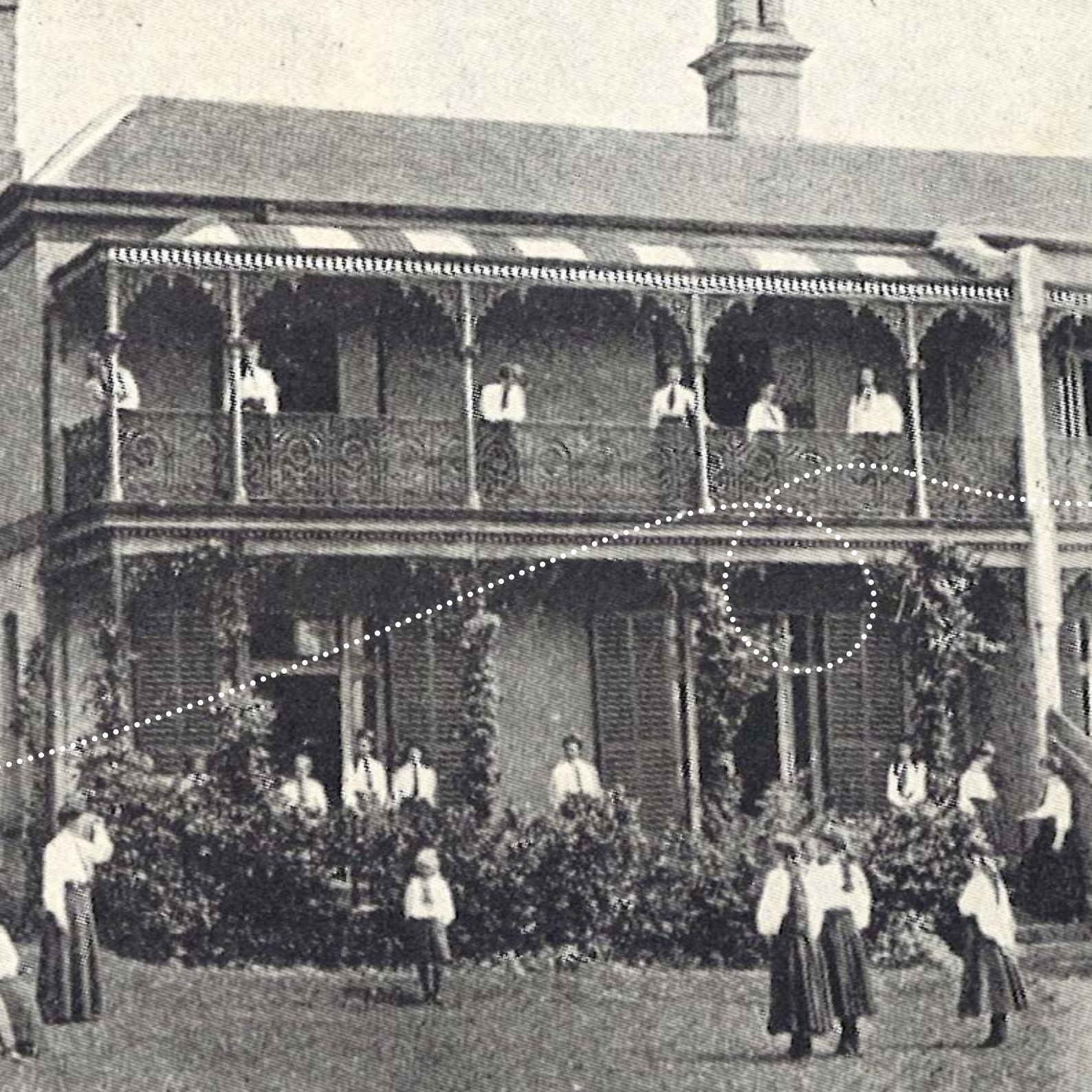
o'er looking oceans blue.



1896

**MISS JOYCE
BECOMES THE
SECOND PRINCIPAL
OF CLAREMONT
COLLEGE, AND OUR
SCHOOL NOW HAS 60
PUPILS, INCLUDING 20
BOARDERS.**







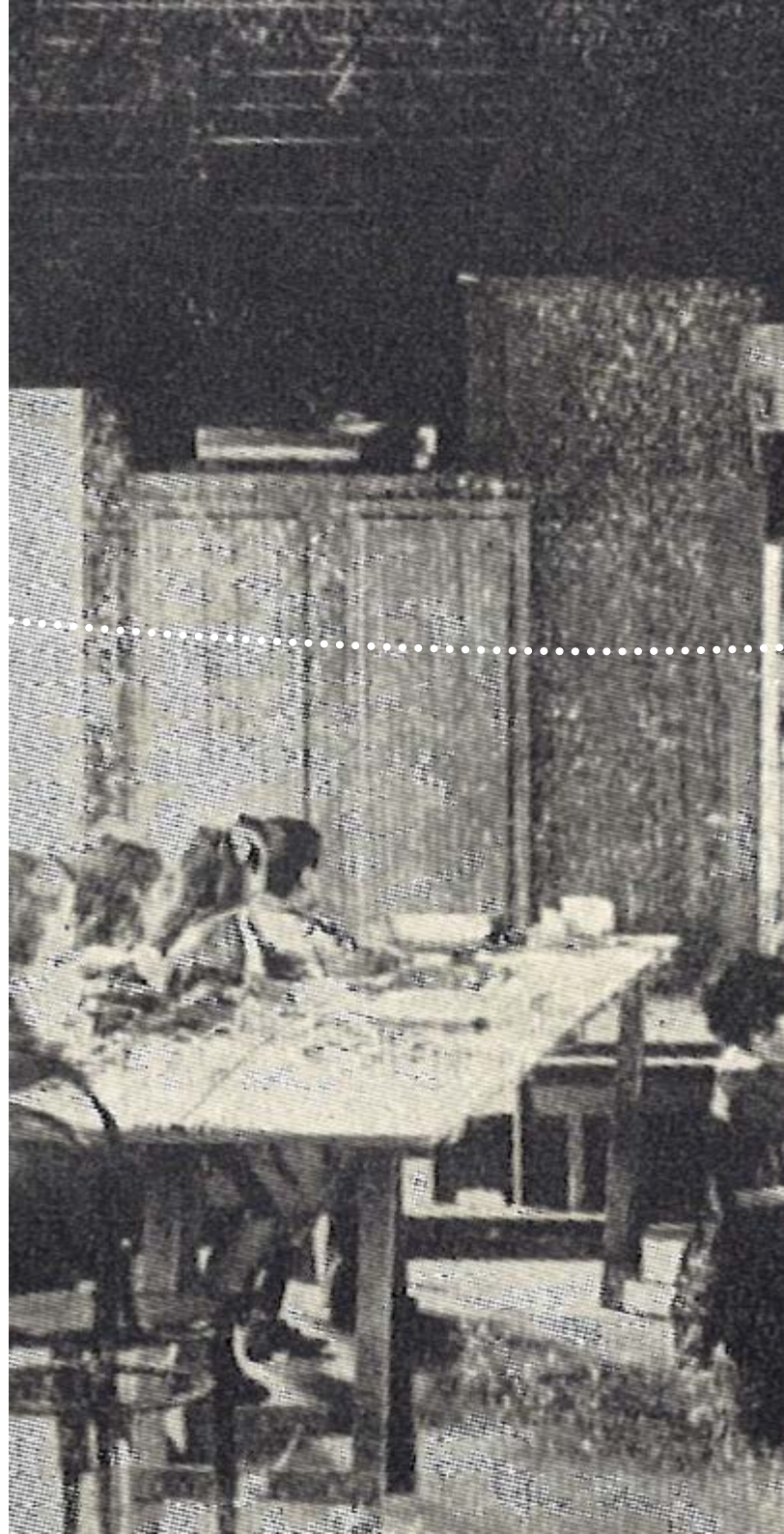
OUR SCHOOL MOTTO MEANS

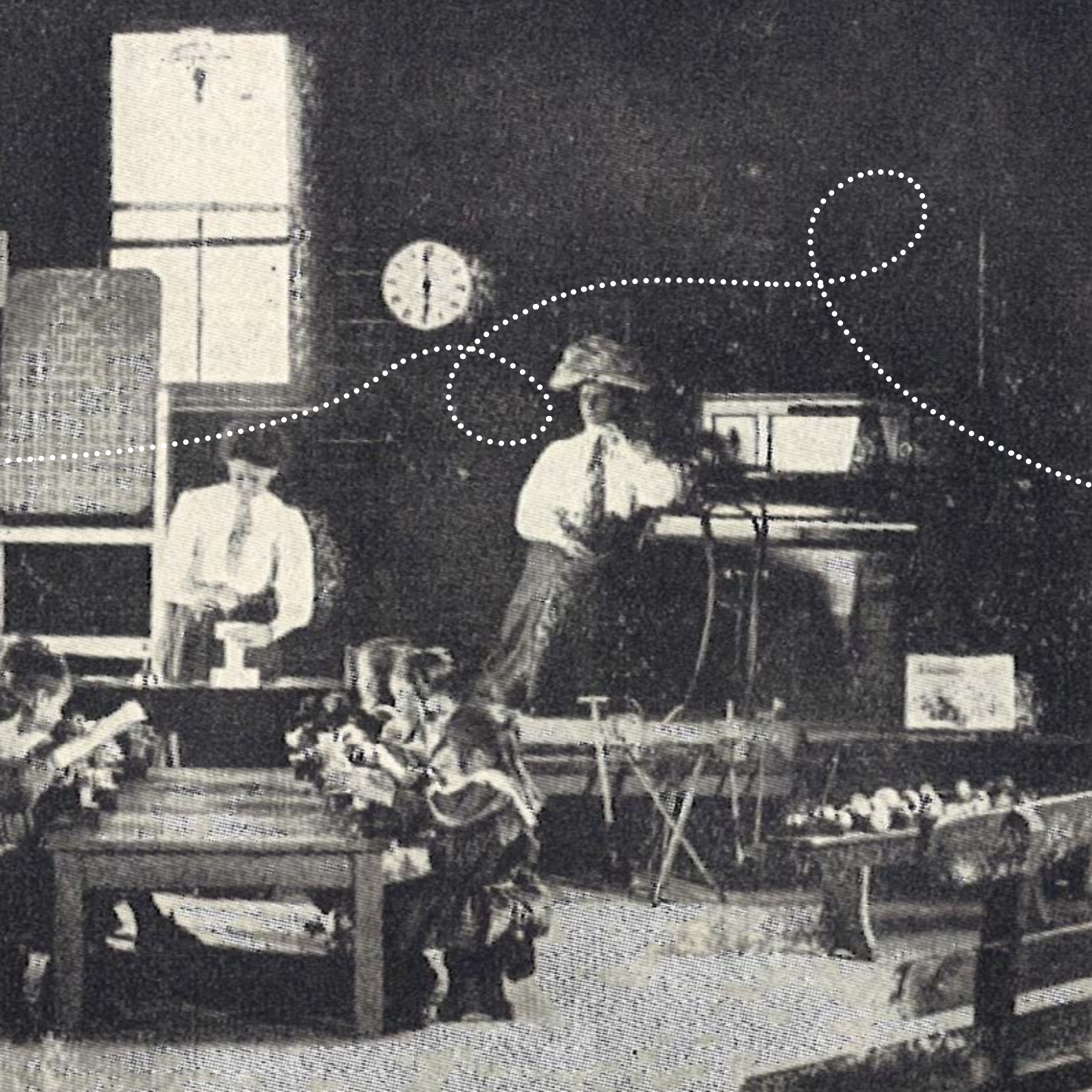
“LET US WORK WITH HEART AND SOUL”

1896-98

It was some time between 1896 and 1898 that Miss Joyce felt that Claremont should have a suitable motto. She asked for advice on its choice from Miss Amy Wearne, then one of the teachers on staff. Miss Wearne consulted her sister, who suggested the Latin words - “Mente animoque agamus”.

The Misses Wearne were later to become co-Principals of the school. It was a third sister, Miss Mattie Wearne, an Art teacher at Claremont, who created the design of our school crest - a book with a lamp behind it, signifying the Book of Knowledge and the Lamp of Learning.





1902

A SECOND HOUSE CALLED 'IONA' WAS PURCHASED BY PRINCIPAL MISS BEATRICE FULLERTON.

1909

MISS MINNIE WEARNE AND HER SISTER, MISS AMY WEARNE BOUGHT THE SCHOOL. THEY REMAINED PRINCIPALS FOR 10 YEARS.

1918

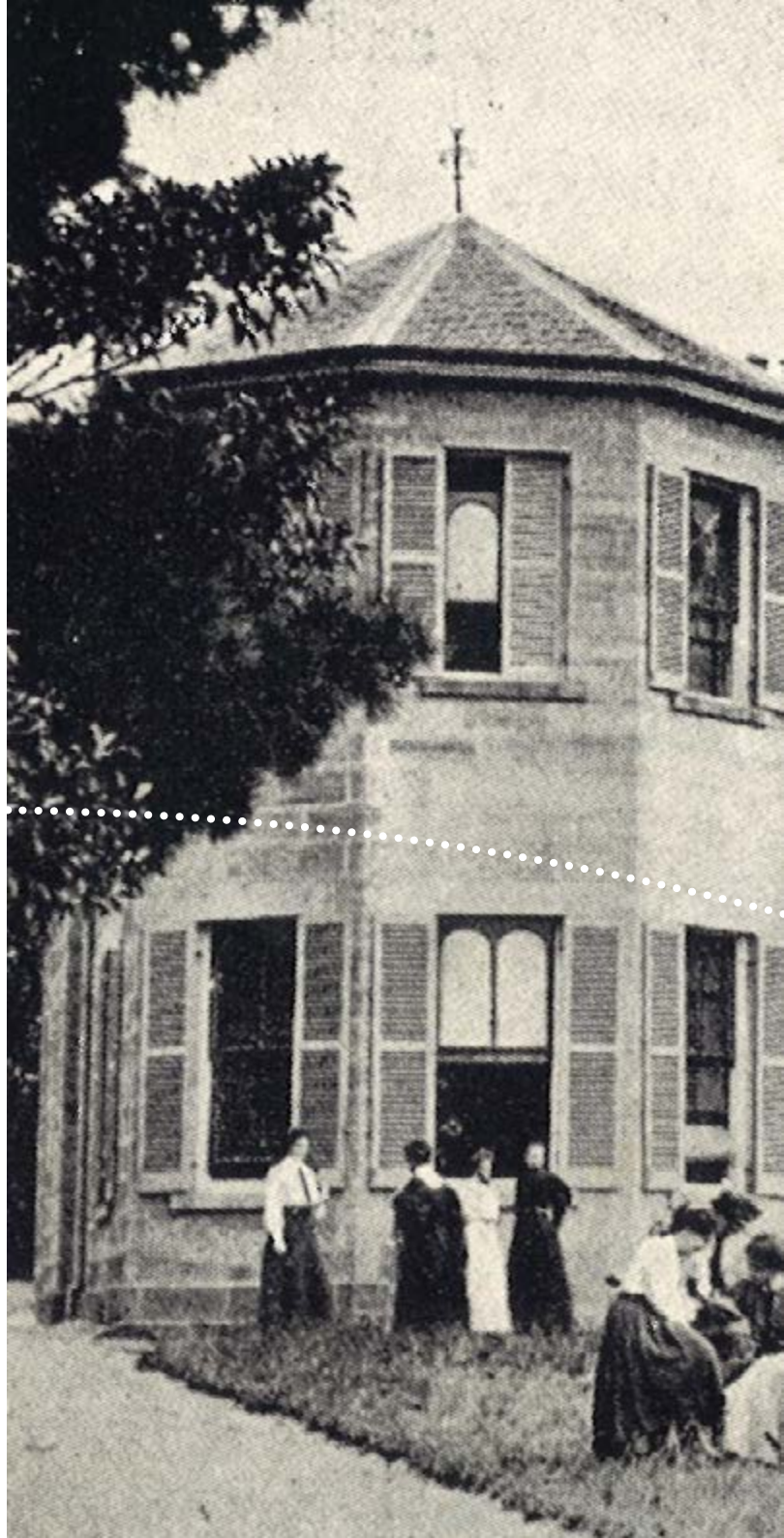
A THIRD HOUSE 'GLENARA' WAS RENTED BY MISS MINNIE WEARNE.

Old Girls recall the grounds of the school...

"with spacious lawns, Moreton Bay fig trees, pepper trees, a swing and a see-saw, a magnolia outside Miss Wearne's study window and a row of great pine trees down the main pathway."

"From the upstairs balconies and rooms, tennis courts in front of the house, could be seen the sea and the cliffs of Coogee."

"From 'Claremont', a winding sloping path led down to 'Iona' and 'Glenara' with wide paths and it was here in the gardens that we found it quieter for study. It was here where we relaxed and lounged away our week-ends"





1919

BY 1919 OUR SCHOOL HAD 177 STUDENTS AND 44 BOARDERS.

Then a serious outbreak of the flu caused numbers to fall dramatically and Miss Wearne was forced to sell the school.

1920s

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING WAS ONCE A SPORT AT CLAREMONT.

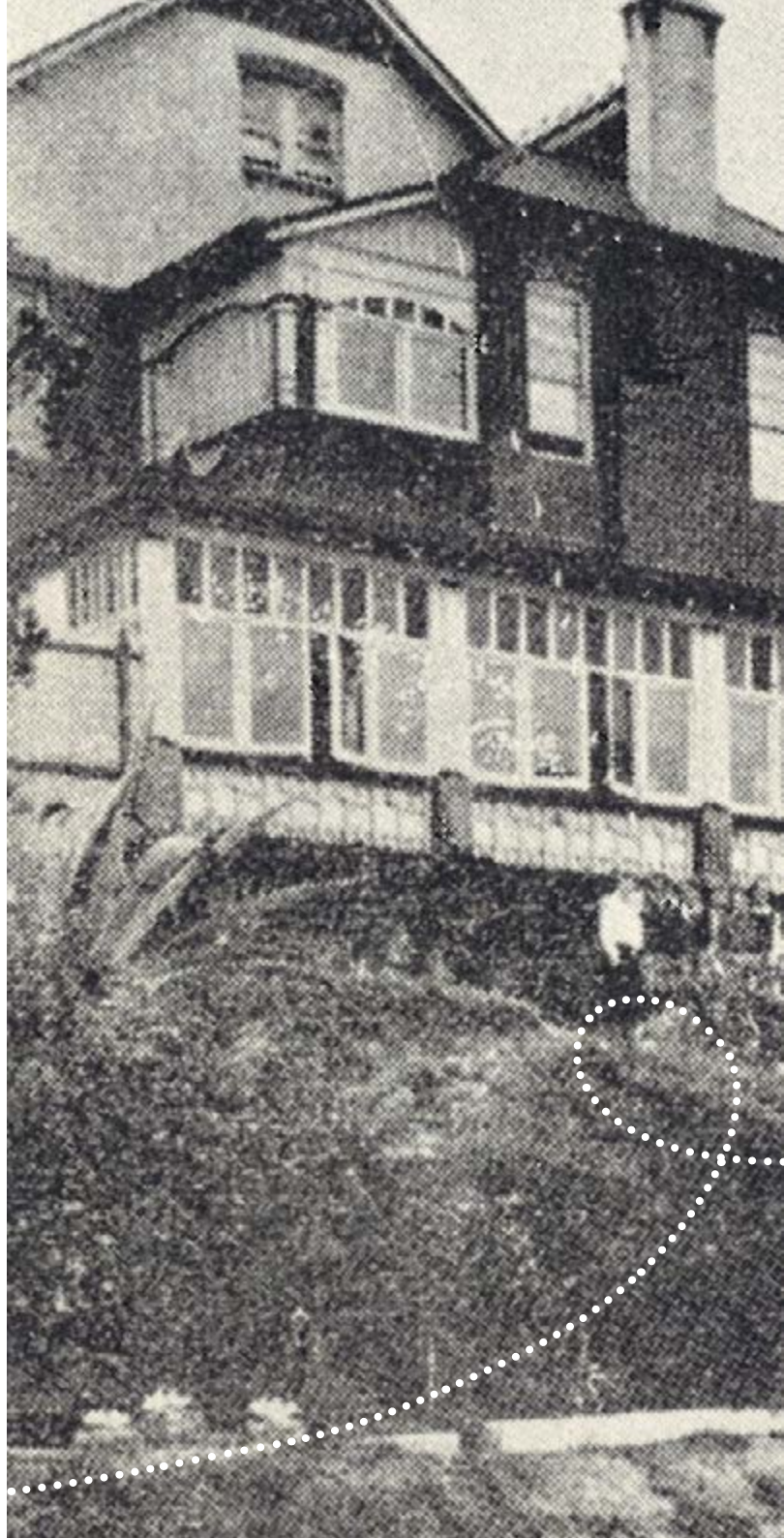
"The girls were taught to use the rifle with care and precision. I do not remember why such an unusual innovation became part of education in a select boarding school for girls! It may be that owing to a Russian scare, it was believed some training in firearms would be advisable. But that as it may, it was a very popular club and a source of much fun. A large square block was set up at the far end of the big long room and assembly room of the school. We fired the length of the room at the target on the block. I often wonder why someone was not shot coming in the front gate as some of the shooting was wild and wide of the mark - but some of us were proficient." **An old girl's recollection**

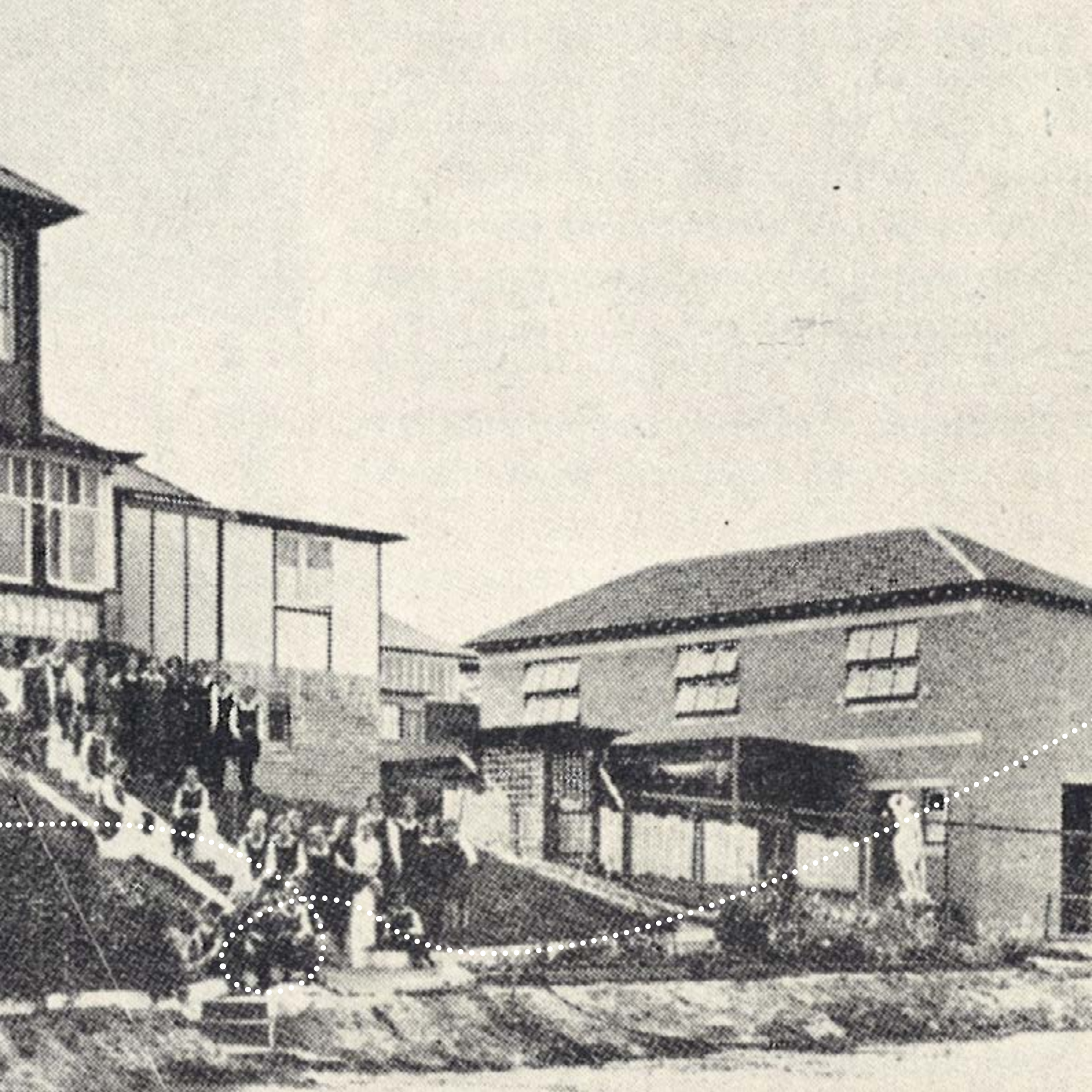
1921

THE GIRLS FORM THE FIRST SCHOOL LIBRARY BY EACH DONATING A BOOK.

1927

CLAREMONT COLLEGE MOVED ACROSS THE ROAD INTO A MAGNIFICENT HOUSE CALLED 'ST HELEN'S' ON COOGEE BAY RD (BACK THEN IT WAS CALLED BELMORE ROAD).





1927

OUR SCHOOL SONG WAS WRITTEN.

Since 1882 we've stood o'er looking oceans blue,
We've won renown in work and play and still we mean to do,
We have our Motto brave and wise,
To bring success to each who tries.

Let us work with heart and soul
That's the way to reach our goal,
Be our Motto both in work and play
Mente animoque agamus

Though grudging toil may bring success,
No happiness there lies
Where heart and soul have had no share
And brain alone supplies,
The effort made to gain our end so let our Motto be our friend

To Claremont let us loyal be do all within our power,
To further her prosperity and help in needful hour
Let our old Motto guide us still,
'Twill help us through all good and ill.

Let us work with heart and soul
That's the way to reach our goal,
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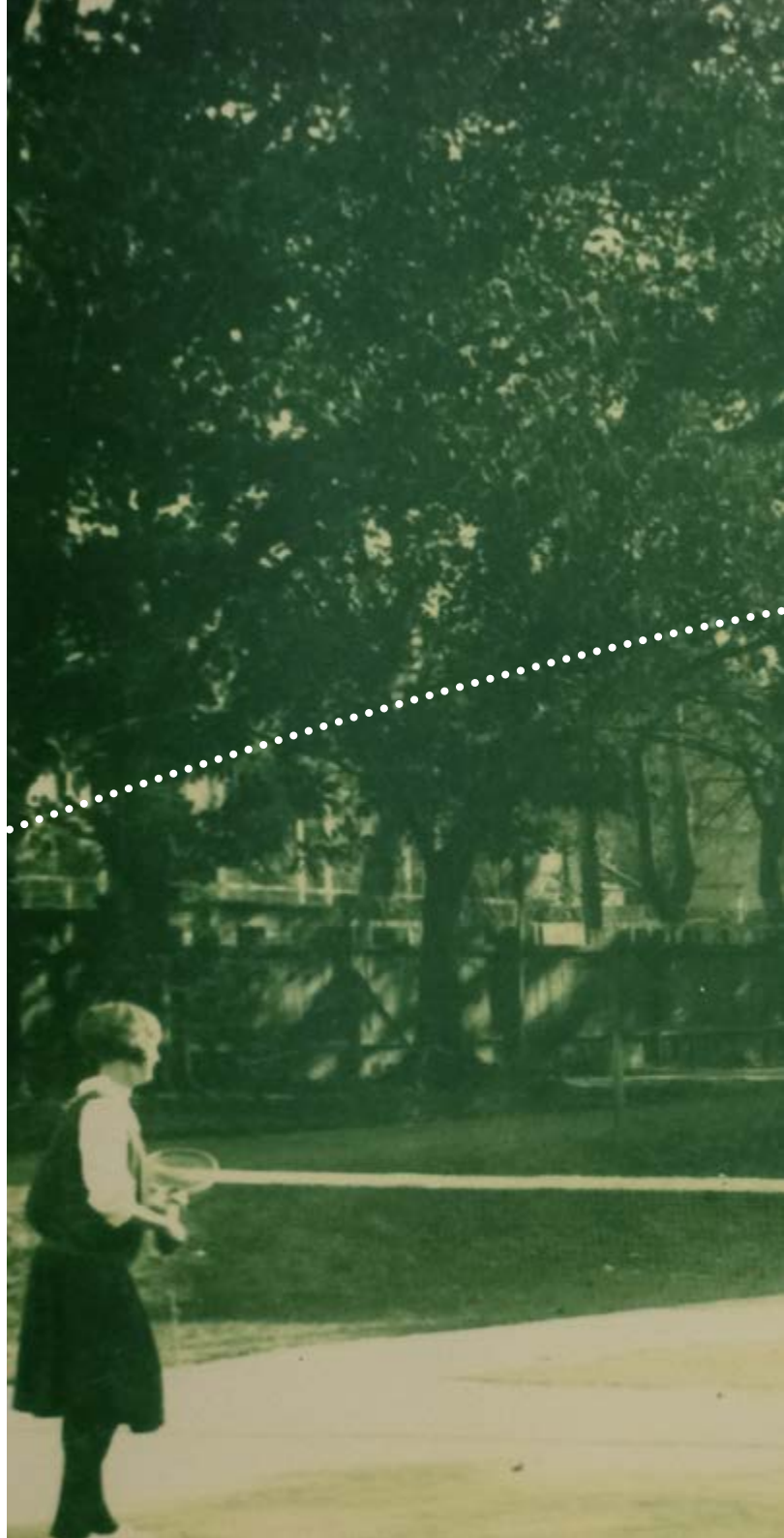
OUR HOUSE SYSTEM IS
INSTITUTED WITH

**HYLAND, WEARNE
AND STOREY.**

1930

IN THE 1920s AND 1930s, CLAREMONT COLLEGE GIRLS ESPECIALLY EXCELLED IN TENNIS.

WE HAD TWO TENNIS COURTS
IN THE PLAYGROUND, AND A
SPACIOUS GARDEN EXACTLY
WHERE THE RED BRICK UNITS
NOW ARE. THE SCHOOL
SOLD THIS LAND BECAUSE OF
DEBTS.



A. L. L. 1928



1935

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGED FROM BLUE TO GREEN.

It was changed because the Principal thought that blue was "far too common for such a distinguished school." Our current uniform was designed in 2005.

1940s

HERE'S A CRAZY STORY...

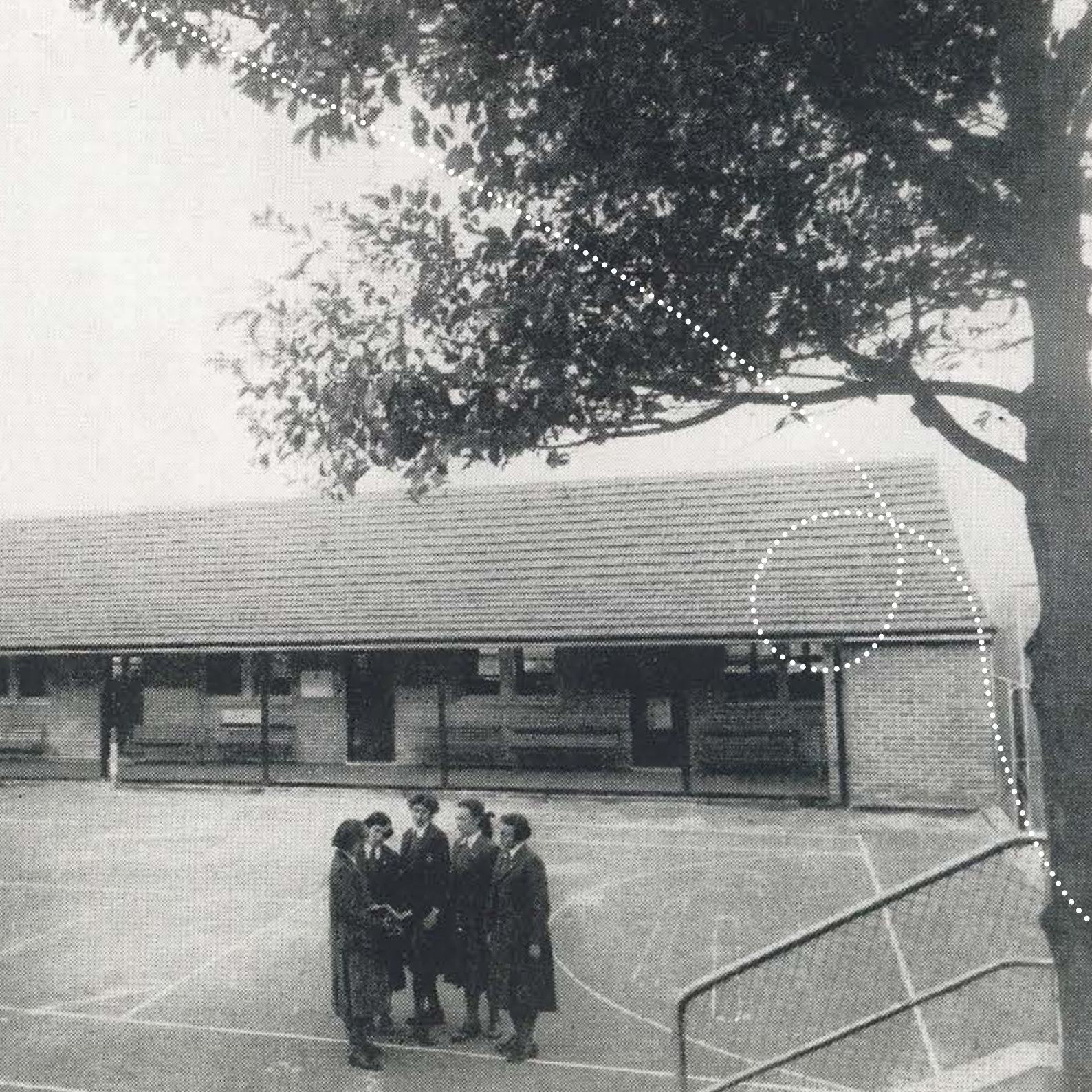
In the 1940s a 14 year old boy went to Claremont. He pretended to be a 19 year old girl and got a job as a maid. Three weeks later he was arrested by the police. Apparently all he wanted was a job so he could send money to his mother. He was charged for being an "uncontrollable child".

1947-8

OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL BY PRINCIPALS ENDS.

This is the year that Claremont College nearly closed down. A group of parents in the P&F formed a company and bought the school.





1959

CLAREMONT NEARLY CLOSED DOWN AGAIN DUE TO LARGE DEBTS.

This is when the Anglican Church (Council for the Promotion of Sydney Church of England Schools) was approached to take control of the school, and as a result almost half the property was sold.

The boarding house was located in the attic, above where Year 4 is now. Mirrors were scarce and caused fights amongst the girls.

1950s

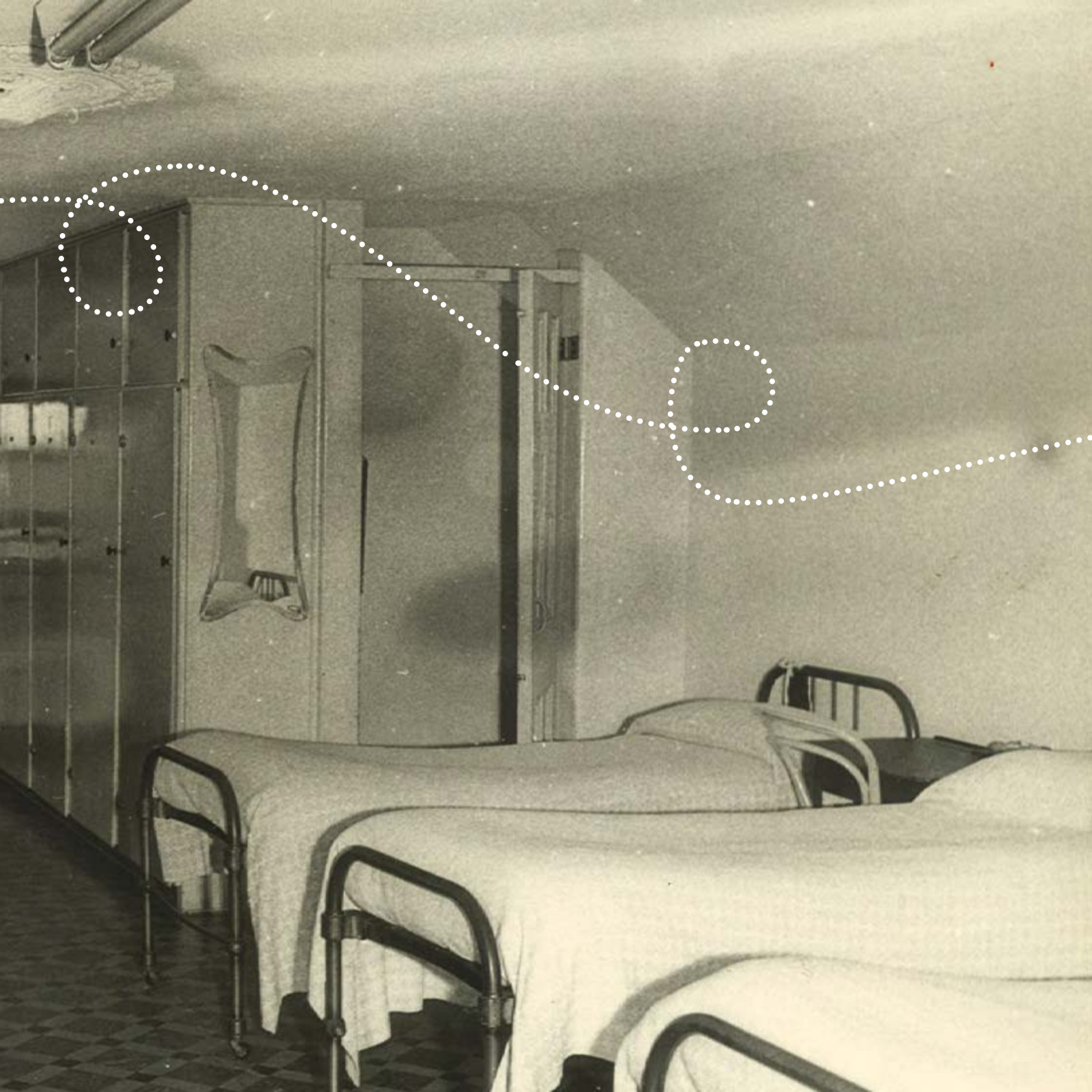
IN THE 1950s THE BEE GEES PERFORMED
AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGE FETE.

Each school day would start with the girls lining up in house lines with a Bible lesson, the School Song and a visit from the Principal. On Sundays the girls went to church at St Jude's. They would march in two straight lines, shortest to tallest.

"Each girl, so trained, should be able to add her quota towards making the world a happier and better place, and it is up to all of us to see that we do".

Dr Olive Wilson (Principal 1958-59)





1967

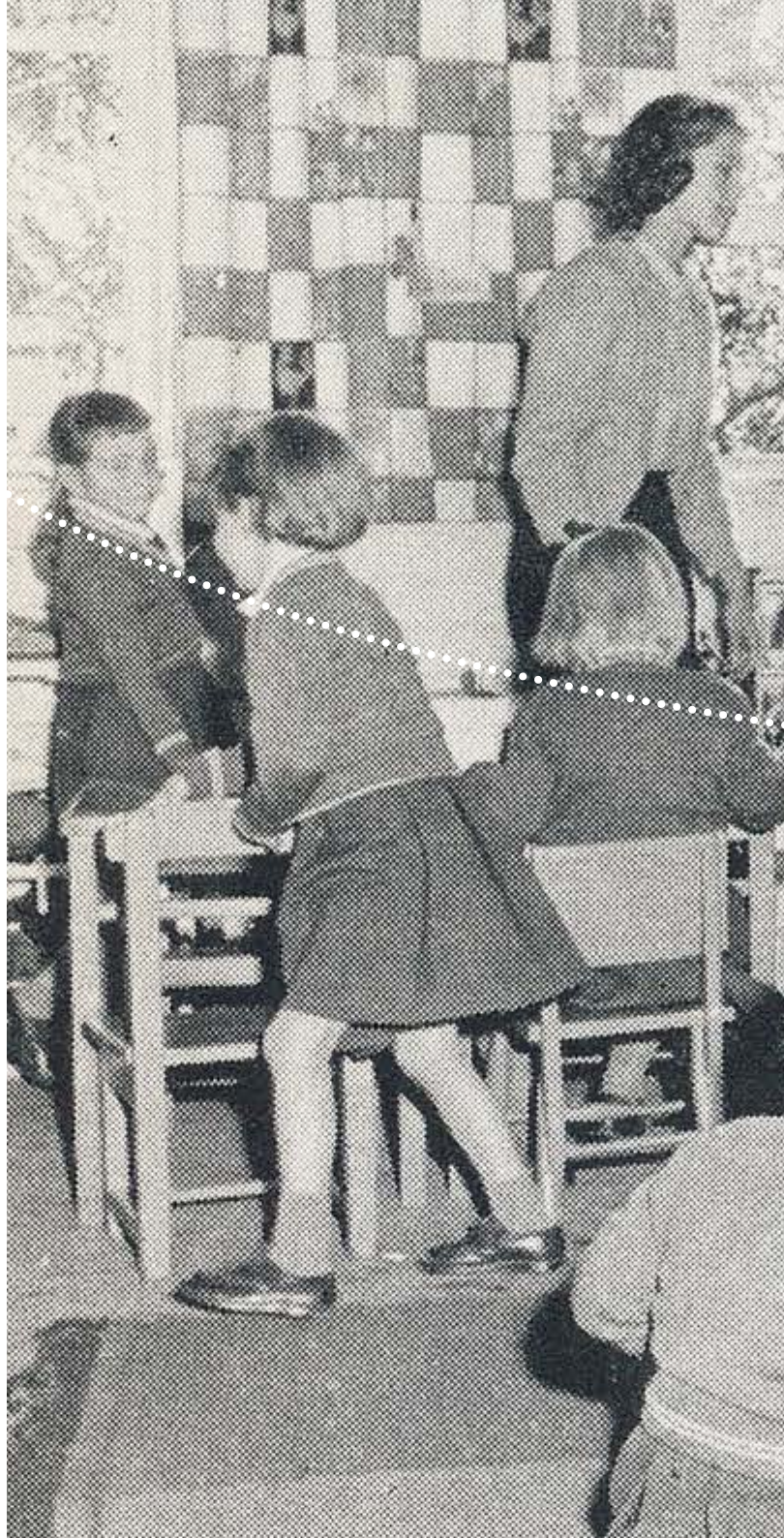
CLAREMONT NEARLY CLOSED A THIRD TIME.

The government implemented the 'Wyndham Scheme' which introduced a broad curriculum. Claremont did not have teachers or students to meet the syllabus requirements. We became a Primary School with just 41 girls and boys.

Some boys started coming to Claremont even though it was a 'girls school'. These boys were only allowed to stay until the end of Year 2. The enrolment of the boys enabled the school to continue.

1966

JANET AUSTIN (OUR SCHOOL
CAPTAIN IN 1965) SADLY DIED AFTER
GRADUATING FROM CLAREMONT
COLLEGE. IN JANET'S MEMORY,
AUSTIN HOUSE BEGINS.





1974

126 PUPILS ARE ENROLLED.

1975

OUR SCHOOL HALL IS BUILT, TWO NEW CLASSROOMS ARE BUILT (WHERE THE AFTER CARE ROOM AND CLOTHING POOL ARE NOW LOCATED). THE BUILDING FACADE ON COOGEE BAY ROAD IS ALSO "MODERNISED".

OUR VERY MODERN LIBRARY AT THE TIME WAS LOCATED UP IN THE ATTIC OF THE MAIN BUILDING.





1978

CLAREMONT BECOMES FULLY CO-EDUCATIONAL.

A TWO STORY RESIDENCE ON JUDGE STREET IS BOUGHT ON THE SITE WHERE OUR KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 LEARNING SPACES ARE NOW LOCATED. FOR MANY YEARS THIS BUILDING WAS USED AS TWO CLASSROOMS, A PE STOREROOM, CANTEEN, MAINTENANCE ROOM AND THE CLOTHING POOL.





1982

210 PUPILS ARE ENROLLED...

AND CLAREMONT COLLEGE
CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY.

"The many changes which Claremont College has undergone in the course of its long existence illustrate its transition from the era of gracious living during the reign of Queen Victoria, when it was founded, to the fast moving nuclear age of today.

The ability of any school to survive one hundred years must inevitably relate to its capacity to adjust to the changing educational needs of the community it aims to serve.

Despite its changed educational role, the aims of the school remain as valid and necessary today as ever they were: to provide a soundly based education in the subjects of the curriculum; to seek to develop the ability and whole personality of the pupil to his or her maximum potential; and, most importantly, to create an awareness and understanding of the basics of the Christian faith in the school atmosphere where a spirit of true concern, understanding and a desire to serve are always present and encouraged.

Having passed through periods of severe testing, Claremont College has emerged the better for its experience and in good condition to move forward and confidently into its second century of service in education."

**(From the Centenary Celebration Souvenir
Program)**





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KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12
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1990

Two semis (bought back in 1978) were knocked down and the 'SK Austin Building' was constructed. This is where our Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms now are. A modern library was located upstairs (where Year 3 now is).

1997

CLAREMONT BOUGHT RANDWICK POLICE STATION KNOWN AS THE 'LOCK-UP' - CIRCA 1882.

The staffroom sits directly above where the original police stables were located. The staffroom toilets were once the male and female prison 'lock-up' cells.

1998-99

Our present library was built.

2004

'CLONDARRA' A LOVELY OLD FEDERATION HOUSE WAS PURCHASED AND BECAME A MODERN TECHNOLOGY CENTRE. THE BACK YARD WAS DEVELOPED TO BECOME OUR YEAR 6 CLASSROOMS. THIS ALLOWED CLAREMONT COLLEGE TO BECOME A TWO STREAM SCHOOL.

2005

Kindy and Year 1 classrooms constructed.





LOCK - UP

NO STANDING

2012

OUR HALL IS AGAIN MODERNISED AND MADE SLIGHTLY BIGGER.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF ALL OF
OUR CLASSROOMS BEGINS.



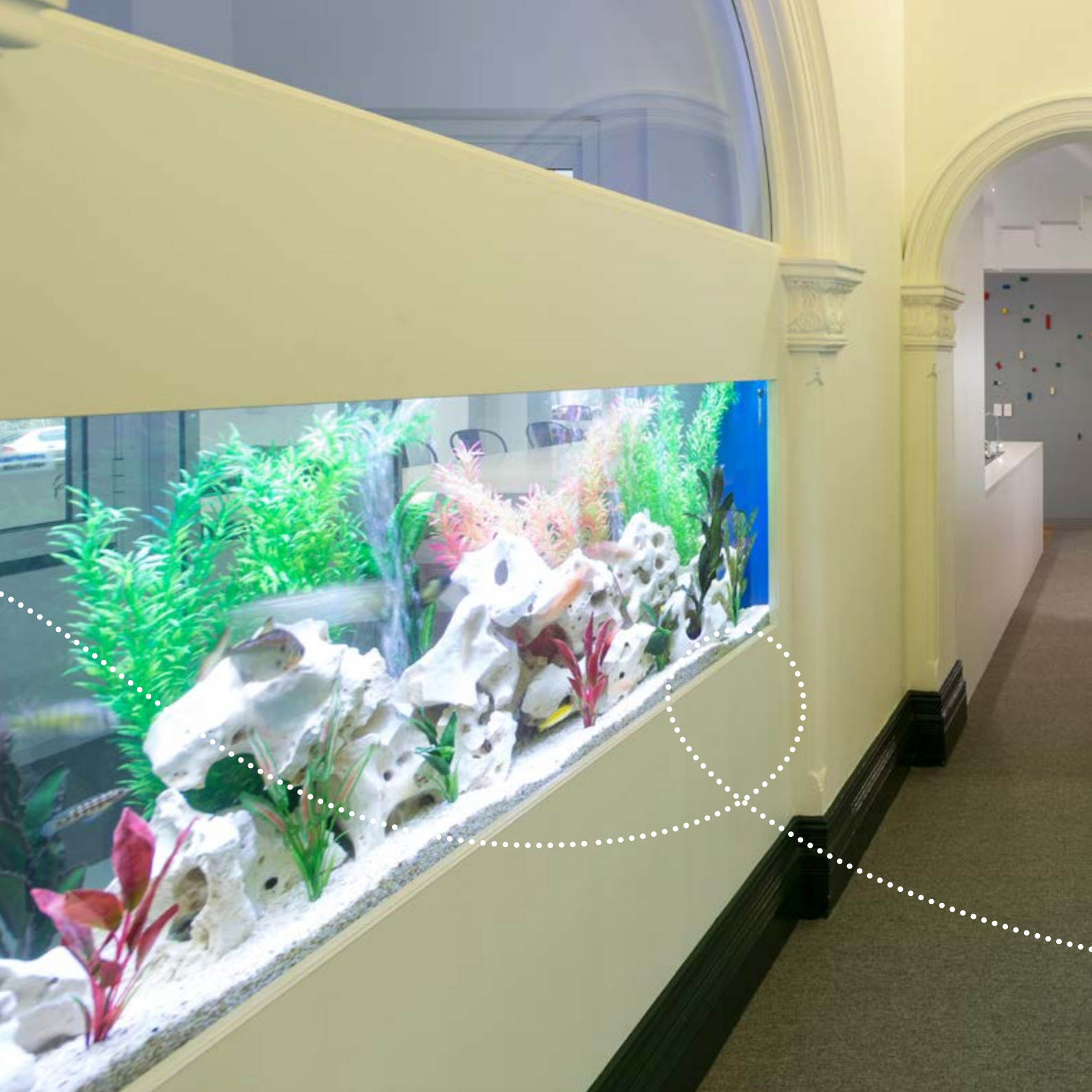






2013

YEAR 6





2013

YEAR 4 AND 5





2013

YEAR 4





2014

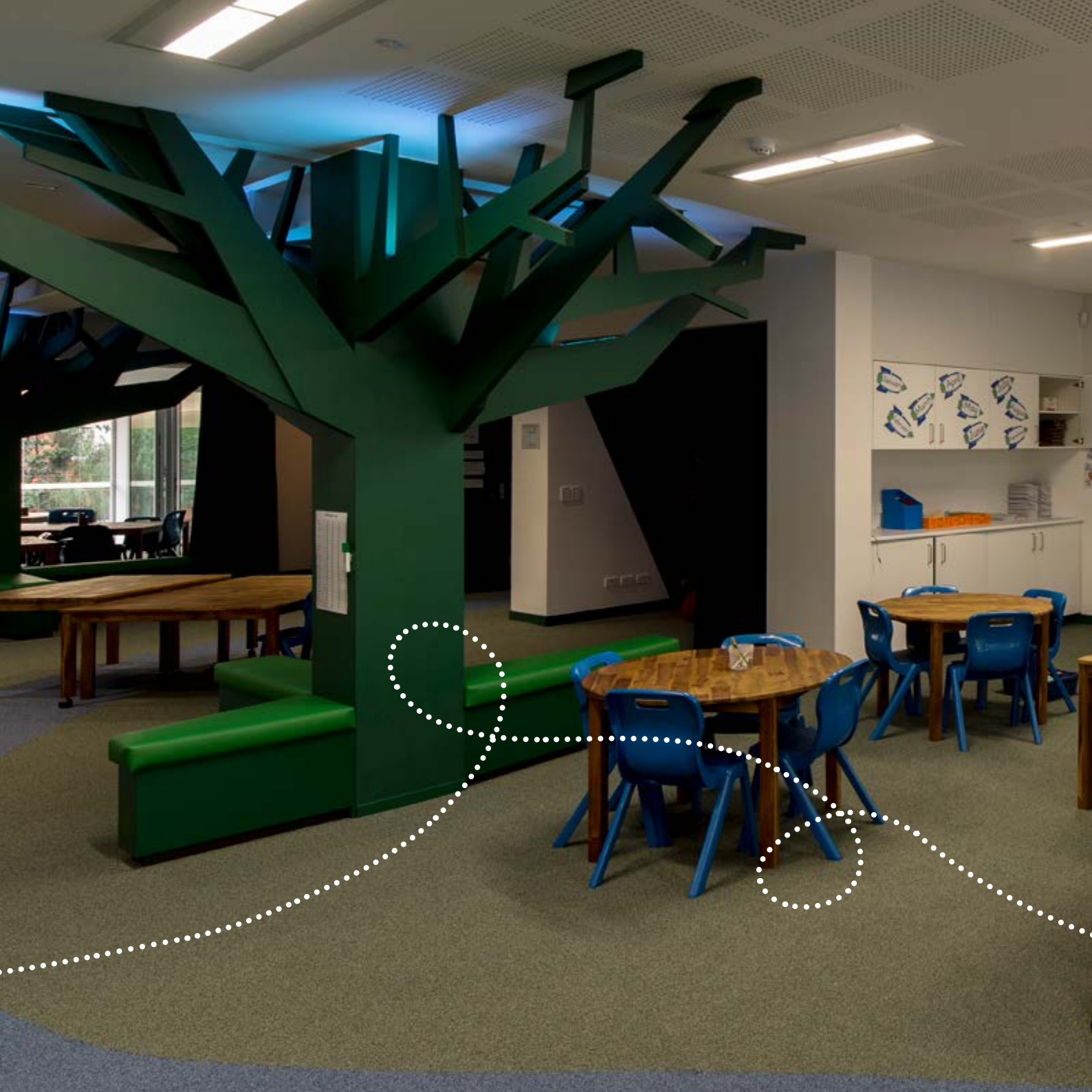
YEAR 3





2014

YEAR 3





Year 2

1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5
4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5
6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5
8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5
9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5
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2014

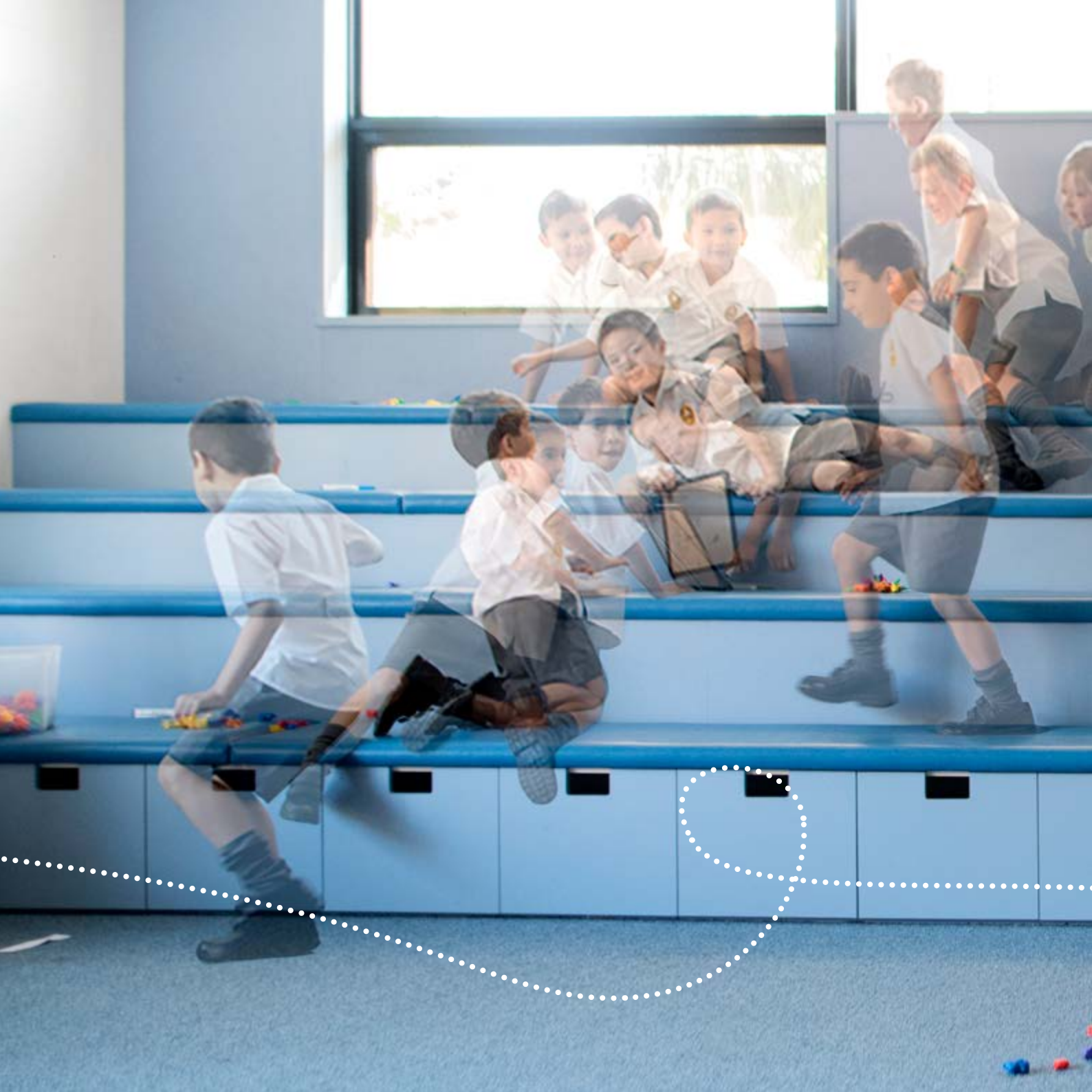
YEAR 2





2015

CLONDARRA MUSIC CENTRE





2016

KINDERGARTEN

YEAR 1

EXPECTATIONS





2016

YEAR 1





2017

LIBRARY





2017

LIBRARY

CLAREMONT'S PRINCIPALS



MISS JANET HYLAND 1882-1896
MISS JOYCE 1896-1898
MISS TILLY 1899-1900
MISSSES ASH AND SCHULTZ 1900-1901
MISS BEATRICE FULLERTON 1902-1909
MISS AMY AND MISS MINNIE
WEARNE 1910-1919
MISS C. MAUD BRIMACOMBE &
MISS ETHEL WILLIAMS 1920-1947

MRS MERCIA DOVER 1948-1951
MISS MARGARET GLOVER 1952-1954
MISS HELEN WEDD 1955-1957
DR OLIVE WILSON 1958-1959
MISS JOYCE GIBBONS 1960-1966
MRS MAVIS COX 1966-1973
MRS MERLYN BROWN 1974-1989
MISS LESLEY MAY 1990-2007
MR DOUG THOMAS 2008-PRESENT



CLAREMONT COLLEGE...
A CHILD FOCUSED SCHOOL FILLED
WITH LEARNING AND DISCOVERY,
EXCITEMENT, FUN, CREATIVITY,
COLOUR, MUSIC, SPORT, DRAMA,
CHALLENGE, CELEBRATION, CARE AND
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY, ENCOURAGEMENT,
A LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS AND A LOVE
OF THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.



WE REPRESENT THE ANSWERED PRAYERS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PRAYED FOR THIS SCHOOL, SINCE 1882.

This school today is built on the hopes and dreams of a school community spanning the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries.

This school is built on the expertise, passion and dedication of countless teachers and staff. Their sacrifices and efforts have ensured that generations of children and young people have been equipped for every success in their learning and lives.

This school is built on the generosity of parents, who over so many years, have contributed to the success of not just their own children, but for countless others too... generation after generation. We thank God for you and for your family.

We honour the leaders, governors and many others who have sown into our school. We thank God for your vision. We are the ones who are benefiting and enjoying the fruits of your hard work.

We look to God, He who never changes, inspired by His Son Jesus and His Word, praying that we will make this School a blessing for generations to come.

We hold a baton as we move forward, equipping young lives to serve our community and our nation.

We look o'er the blue seas, to a world beyond, that is smaller than ever before, reaching out to influence it, and change it for the better.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...



INSPIRED FOR LIFE

GENERATION AFTER GENERATION
STANDS IN AWE OF YOUR WORK.
EACH ONE TELLS STORIES OF
YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.

PSALM 145:4





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