

South Coogee Primary School History

The school averaged around 30 students per year until 1941. Coogee Primary School students attended South Coogee during the war.

A new school building became a priority.

In August 1942, a school building from Mandogalup Primary School was transported to South Coogee.

The opening ceremony was held on the 7th of September 1942.

In 1952, the school had a septic system installed and extensions added to the buildings.

In 1955, the school became a designated Class 111 special training school in association with the Teachers Training College.

In 1965, a new classroom was built as student numbers increased.

In 1970, a new staff room, toilet block and an extension on the bitumen playground occurred.

In 1977, student and staff numbers dropped due to Wattleup Primary School opening.

In 1979, a new Pre Primary building was installed just off site, on council land.



South Coogee Primary School at Russell Road

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In 1980s, the school logo was in use along with uniforms. Royal blue shirt and white shorts and skirts with the logo became staple by the late 1980s.



In the 1990s, the school numbers grew again and 4 year old kindergarten began. The Pre Primary building moved onto school grounds along with another building to make the Kindergarten and Pre Primary block, east of the school.

In July 2001, a fire damaged Rooms 1, 2 and 3. Students and staff were devastated.

Demountable classrooms were added.

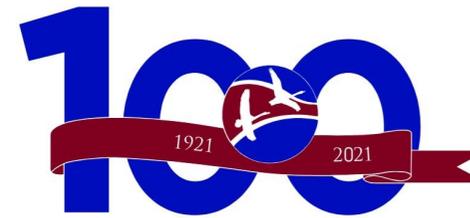
2002-2003 - A new beginning for SCPS!

A new school location had been chosen; Ivankovich Avenue in Beeliar. The staff and the community fought to keep the school's name. Construction began for state of the art facilities, which opened in 2003.

From 2003 to the present day, the school has gained 2 extra class blocks, many art-works, playgrounds and gardens which have improved the school.

We have many guests here today including Barbara Vickridge, the daughter of the first teacher and Mr McKenna, the Principal who oversaw the move to Beeliar in 2003.

Guests can look around our school at the displays, the art trail and photo memories in the library.



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Celebrating a Centenary
1921 – 2021

South Coogee Primary School officially opened in 1921.

The Fremantle District Board of Education recommended a school for South Coogee in November, 1896. After the Agricultural Hall was moved to its new location on Rockingham Road in 1920, parents in the local area formed a committee to request a teacher. Miss Violet Long, 19 years old, fresh from Claremont Teachers College was appointed to a country posting, South Coogee Primary School.

The original twelve students were:

- ◆ Alexander Anderson
- ◆ Phyllis Mabel Collis
- ◆ Linda May Newman
- ◆ William Leslie Anderson
- ◆ Emma Rotha Anderson
- ◆ Eleanor McInness Anderson
- ◆ Charles William E Collis
- ◆ Earnest Frederick L Collis
- ◆ James Clifford Anderson
- ◆ Cedric James Mathews
- ◆ Leonard Brooke Newman
- ◆ Agnes McInness Anderson



South Coogee Primary School students in the 1920s

As the South Coogee Agricultural Hall was used for meetings, dances and shows, the teacher and students would pack away the school each Friday, ready for the community to use.

Water was pumped from a well and toilets were emptied once a week. By the end of the first year, the school numbers had risen to twenty four students of various ages.



School trip to the beach with Miss Long