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1875. Board of Advice No. 10 and Cr. Wilson proposed
to purchase from Mrs. Margaret Hobson of portion of
estate with a frontage of 284 feet 6 in. to Commercial Rd.
lots purchased - Nos. 4,5,6,7,8 and 15 - was
8 benches and the cost - £1,100.

1873 Walter M. Gamble then HT of Non-vested School No. 491
was appointed to the proposed new school at Prahran
first HT. He included copies of testimonials and a
list of his qualifications. He was appointed to the position.

Plans were called for the new school on 23 March 1874. eight
bids were received from £6,054 to £8,055 were received. John Wright's
was the lowest but the cost was considered too high. The architects,
Crouch and Wilson, were asked to omit some features in the design which
reduced the price to £5,571. John Wright accepted this. Furniture,
installation of a gallery etc. cost £189.10/-.

SS 1467 Prahran North opened on 1 January 1875 with Walter Gamble as HT.

The second HT was T.H. Templeton. Caretakers quarters of two rooms
were built in 1882.

The N.E. quickly increased - the AA in 1875 being about eight hundred -
and in 1885 over two hundred children were refused admission. The
sandy nature of the school ground was a continuing problem - it was
described by the HT in 1885 as "in Summer akin to an Arabian desert, and
in the Winter, a second edition of the Dismal Swamp".

It was necessary in 1885 to lease for £75 pa the 39 feet x 23 feet
Foresters' Hall in Chapel Street for the 5th and 6th classes. In 1887
these classes were moved to the larger (54 feet x 33 feet) Turners'
Auction Room two doors from Williams Road, leased for £104 pa.

The NE in 1888 was 1454.

In 1889 a 40 feet x 20 feet room was added to the existing building.
The Acting HT (J.L. Healy) said the badly ventilated school "transformed
healthy children into sickly delicate little sufferers".

HT Templeton retired in 1894 and was followed by C.S. Halkyard.

1966 with the opening of the first multi-story block of flats on the Horace Petty Estate adjoining the school. To relieve overcrowding several blocks of land next to the school in Cromwell and Surrey Roads were acquired about this time and in 1967 a two-story block of six classrooms was built on one of the blocks in Cromwell Road.

A feature of the early years at Hawksburn was the extent of local interest in the school. This could be attributed partly to the fact that the school had only five Head Teachers in its first 75 years to 1950. One Head Teacher, Mr. C. S. Halkyard, previously an Inspector and for some years a Prahran Councillor, retired in 1925 after thirty years at the school. Such a period as Head Teacher of one of the largest State Schools was, and still is, exceptional in the history of the Education Department.

Community interest in the school declined in latter years but 1968 saw the first signs that this trend could be reversed as the large new migrant community assumed an active role in the education of their children.

Present Principal:- Mr. F. Seddon.

Compiler:- Mr. G. M. Brown.

Once in these early years the average attendance reached 1500. To increase accommodation the original building was extended to its present size by additions in 1889 and 1899.

State School 1467 was known as Prahran until 1888 when the name was changed to Prahran North. In 1906 the name was changed again to Hawksburn to distinguish it more clearly from the other Prahran schools. Hawksburn was the name given earlier to the nearby railway station built on the site of a house with that name.

In 1908 the original school site was extended by the purchase of adjoining land in Cromwell Road on which a new infant building was erected in 1911 with accommodation for 300 children. This building included a hall in which an Honour Board was erected in 1918, by the then active Hawksburn Old Scholars Association, to commemorate the names of the more than 800 Hawksburn boys who served in the 1914-18 War.

Enrolment declined steadily after the 1939-45 War to below 700 in 1965, but increased sharply in

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1467

HAWKSBURN

*revised:
maximum*

State School 1467, Hawksburn.

Region. *Port Phillip Eastern*

State School 1467, Hawksburn, was the first school built by the Education Department in Prahran and has always been the largest Primary School in the district. Opened in January, 1875, on one acre at the corner of Malvern and Surrey Roads the new two-story brick building brought under one roof the pupils of three local Common Schools overcrowded after the introduction of compulsory education. One of these schools was Common School No. 491, in Chapel Street, known locally as the 'St. Mathews Schoolroom' which dated back to 1854. The Head Teacher of this school, Walter M. Gamble, was appointed Head Teacher of the new Malvern Road school, being the most senior and best qualified of the local Head Teachers. Three years later Mr. Gamble became an Inspector of Schools and was replaced by Mr. T. H. Templeton.

In the first year, 1875, the total enrolment at Hawksburn reached 1616 (with an average attendance of 737) and in 1888 the total enrolment exceeded 2000 (with an average attendance of over 1000).

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State Schools in Prahran

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Hawksburn No 1467

- Opened January 1875
- 1st in Prahran
- One of 1st in Victoria to feature combination of br.
- All chimney date from later (different br)

Cothic Buttressed Tower vs Renaissance planning.

Toorak No 3016.

- Built in 1896 - br from Richmond kids
- flatter roof pitch
 - less symmetry to facade.
 - tower less important - "minaret"

New additions in 1905

Prahran

- Erected 1887-8 for £ 5500
- on the site of the school playground, the 1st locomotive of Victoria was built by Chambers.
- On the same site was discovered a water tank from a house belonging to one of Batman's party.

Armadale No 2634

- Original bldg was timber & had been imported from Bowen Street, Melb. in 1884
- In 1886 it was replaced by a br bldg
- 1901, the Infant's Wing was added
- Use of trefoil windows (1st ??)

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Hawkesburn Primary School
No 1467

Infant School
Primary School

[SSO 1467.3, 5 #6]

[SSO 1467.7 #8]

1912-13

To

1934-35.

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Summary of contracts 972 Vol. 4
Primary School 1467. Hawksburn.

1924-25 135 £ 7830.5-0. Remodelling

S.R. Bolger

1926-27 464 £ 172-10-0. Renovations

G.J. Johnson

1932-34. 132 £ 376.14-6. New out. offices (Boys)

A.M. McPhail.