

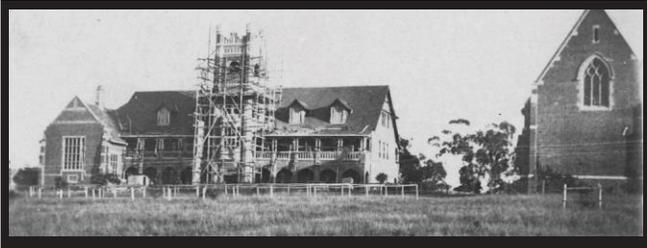
Clock Tower Building

1925/26

Constructed as dormitories in 1925/26, with the Great Hall on the east as a Dining Room, the School's three Boarding Houses occupied one floor each; ground floor, Thorold House; middle floor, Delpratt House; top floor, McKinley House. During World War Two, the building served as an American army hospital. In 1954, the western wing was added and included the School's first Library on the ground floor. The current Library was built in 1975.

On the northern end were Housemasters' flats for Delpratt and McKinley and the new dormitories were built on each floor on the southern side. The former Library is now known as the 'Memorial Room' and was construed as a Second World War memorial. It houses memorabilia from our World War II veterans. The stained glass windows in the Memorial Room depict the crests of the three original School Houses - Thorold, Delpratt, and McKinley (all founded in 1909) - as well as each of the Armed Forces.

Currently, only Delpratt House remains in the building; the others are now in purpose-built buildings on the southern side of the School.



Founded in 1901, TSS is an Anglican Day and Boarding School for Boys from Prep to Year 12 with boarding available from Year 7.

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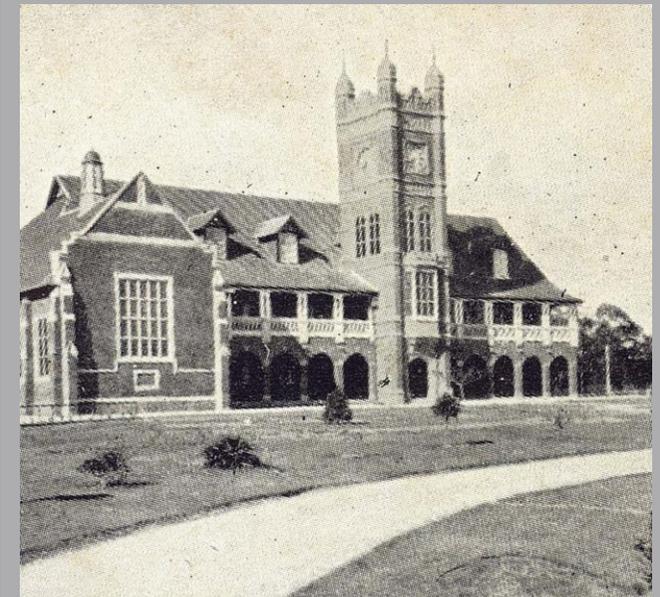
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A Brief History of The Southport School



Biddle House

(Governor's Summer Home) 1870

The original buildings, known collectively as Biddle House from 1888, were built around 1870 and served as the summer residence for two Queensland Governors, Sir Anthony Musgrave, 1883-1888 and Sir Henry Norman, 1889-1895. In 1901, Horace Henry Dixon took an option over the properties which were now in a state of disrepair. He refurbished them and three years later exercised his option to acquire the buildings together with the land. Dixon established The Southport School in 1901 (then known as Southport High School until 1913) and became the School's first Headmaster.

Best viewed from the Nerang River, the buildings are left to right: the former Headmaster's House (1907), the original Dining Hall (1907), the Biggs' house (1870s), the Tower (pre-1890) and other residential buildings which form a square with a central courtyard.

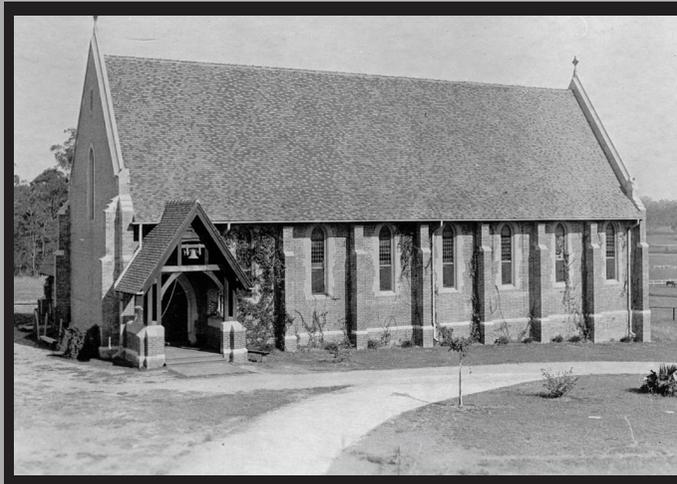


St Alban's Chapel

1920/21

Considered to be the spiritual heart of the School, St Alban's Chapel was built as a memorial to those Southportians who served in WWI. In the Narthex, an honour board lists the names of all past students who served in The Great War. Those who were killed in action are listed in the centre panel while the outer panels show the names of all who served. Over time the stained glass windows were dedicated to various people including former students killed in action and some who returned safely; as well as staff and loved ones. The Chapel was the first building to be constructed on the hill site and in the Neo-Gothic style characteristic of the newer buildings at the School. It was consecrated in 1921 by the second Archbishop of Brisbane, Gerald Sharp. A unique feature is that the pews face inward, in collegiate style. Banners hang from the ceiling, representing each of the School's Houses, including the Preparatory School.

Above the Narthex is the Chapel organ, purchased in the mid 1920's and manufactured by Whitehouse & Co. It is a two-manual organ with 12 stops and pedals and was recently refurbished.



Music Centre

(The Pacific Cable Station) 1901/02

The Cable Station, which housed the line linking Canada and Australia, was originally built at 32 Bauer Street, Southport in 1901/02 and served as a vital communication station in both World Wars. It allowed fast and efficient access to North America for the first time via a copper cable running across the Pacific Ocean floor.

In the first decades of the School, the staff of the Cable Station provided a team in competitive sport against the boys and masters. The Station remained in use until 1962 when it was converted to a Youth Centre of the Catholic Church. In 1981, two of the three original buildings were re-sited to The Southport School to house the School's Music Department. In 1983, TSS was awarded the John Herbert Award for relocation and sympathetic restoration of these historic buildings.

