



Kelso High School Bathurst

Kelso High School 1978.





Kelso High School opened in temporary demountable buildings on 27th January 1976, in Waterworks Lane, Gormans Hill, South Bathurst. It commenced with 16 teaching staff, 8 Ancillary staff and 236 students in years 7 and 8.



Top - The original sign from Waterworks Lane which was transferred to the new school.
Top left - The Courtyard
Left - Entrance to the office.



1978 was the year that the school moved to its present site in Boyd Street, Kelso. The school was designed based on a flexible plan of 7 learning units and specialist areas. Each unit had 4 rooms with an open common area.



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Aerial views of the school

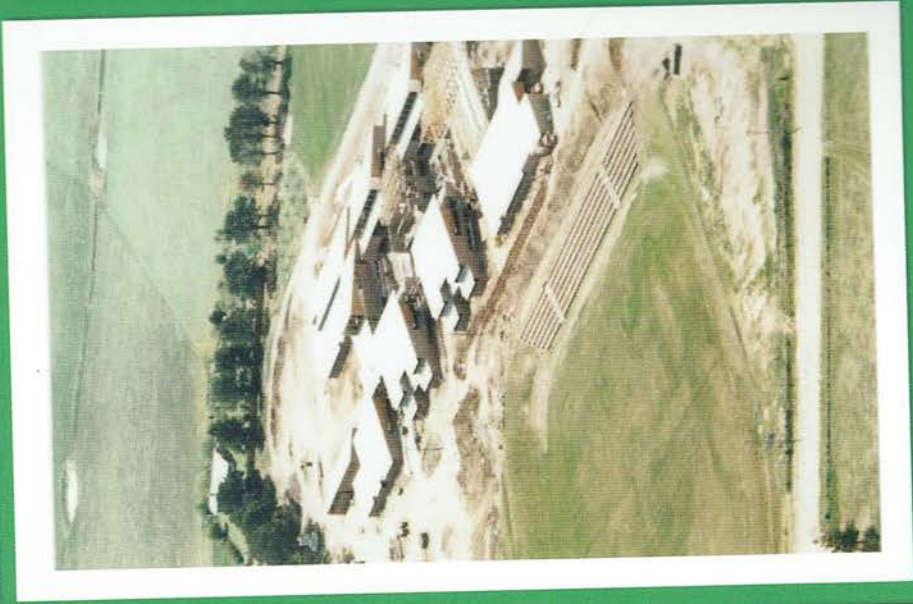
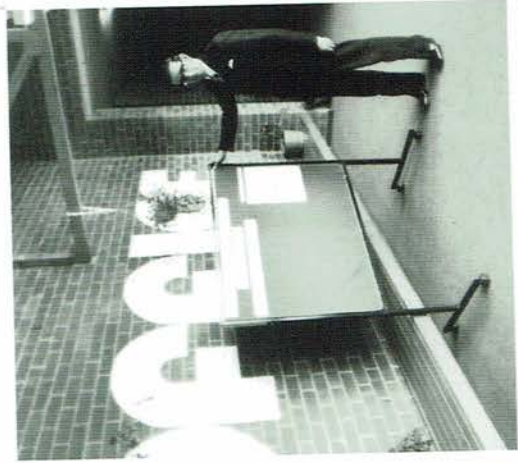


Top photo - 1976

Top right - 1978 sign post

Far right - 1975

Right - Mr Norm Robinson, the inaugural School Principal of the new Kelso High School, outside the main office area in 1978.

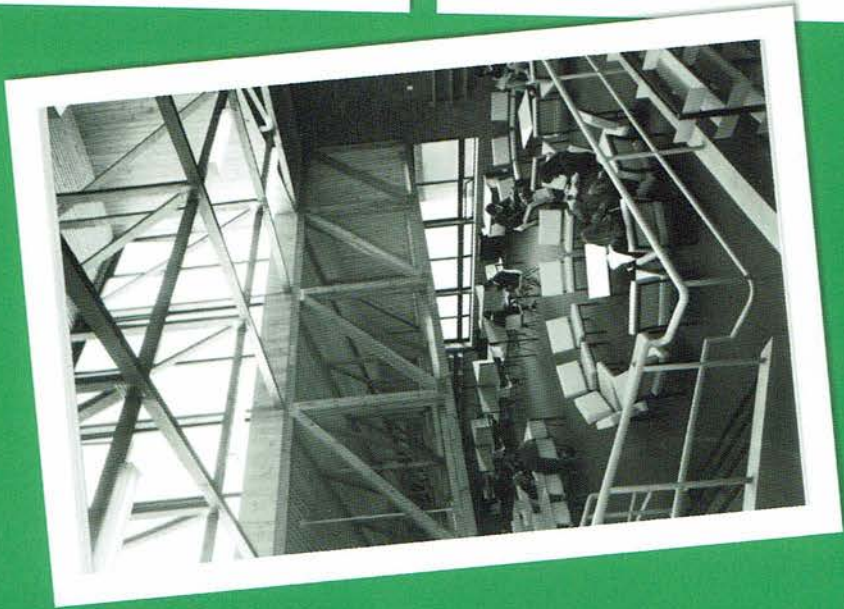


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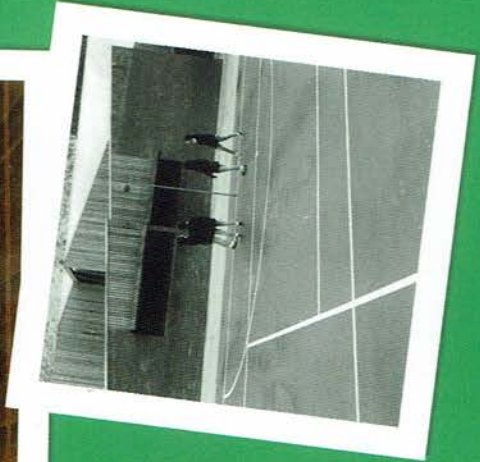
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The Staff of Kelso High in 1978

Thirty years on in 2008, only one original staff member from the 1978 staff remains teaching at the school. Mr Kingsley Picker (Ag/Sc)



The Library, the Science unit and the side basketball courts





The back of the school included the remembrance garden above.

After rain the school would quickly green up and had a park like quality.

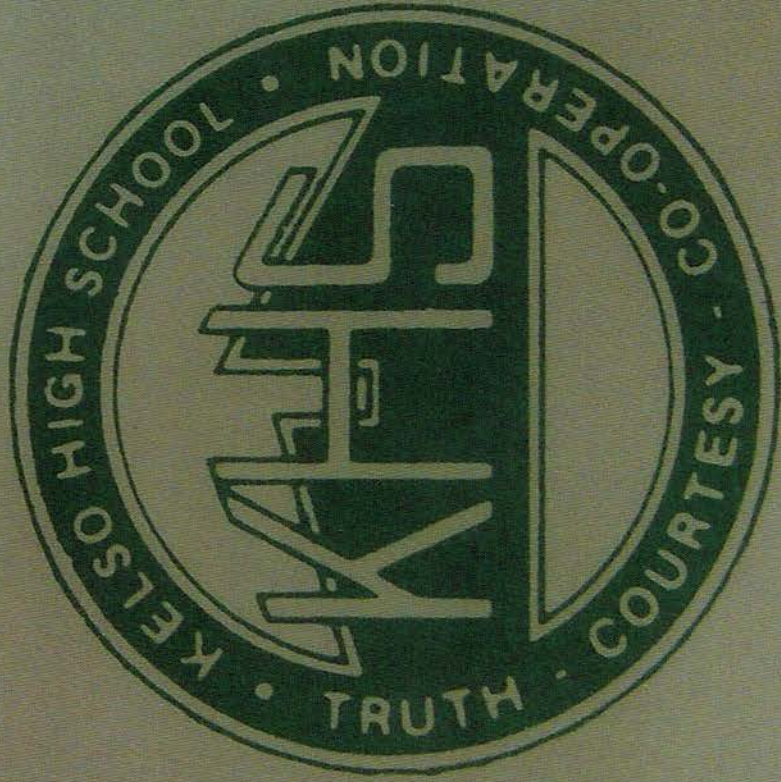
The school had alcoves both in the front and back of the school which students were able to sit in, during recess and lunch.

A centre of excellence a languages high school

The school progressively grew in size to reach 1100 students in 1993, which was a larger population than what the school was built to accommodate. By 2002 the numbers had dropped back to about 800 students where they have steadily remained.

School Principals

Mr Norm Robinson was the first Principal with Mr Ray Egan the Deputy Principal. The Principal in 2008 was Mr Paul Stirling and the Deputy Principals were Ms Stephanie Brown and Mr Gregory Hurford. Mrs Kathleen Compton was the inaugural Principal of Denison College of Secondary Education.



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Friday Night. 19th August, 2005.

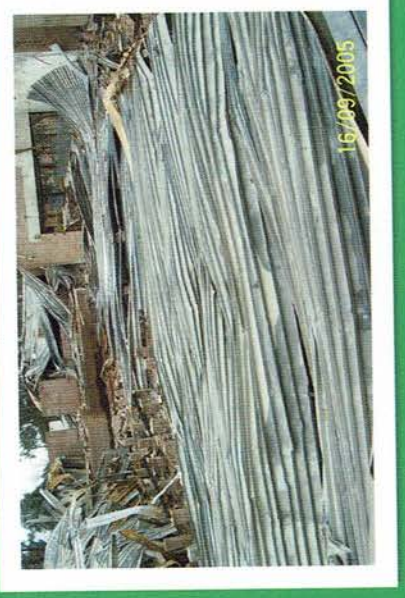


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The people of Bathurst were stunned as flames could be seen from many parts of Bathurst.

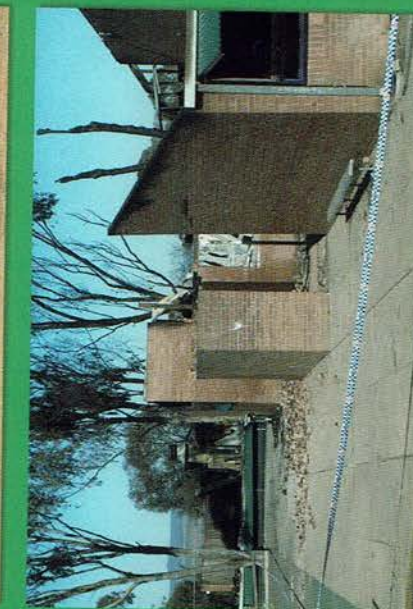


Days after the fire



On Friday evening, the 19th August 2005, Kelso High School burnt down, except for the TAS area. This meant the school operated on 5 campuses around Bathurst for 5 weeks.

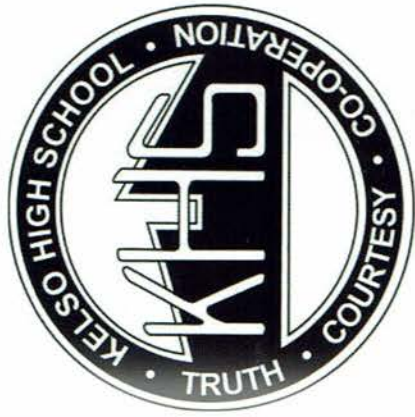
Fire destroys Kelso High 19/8/2005



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The severity of the fire was evident in the molten metal and twisted steel. The fire smouldered for many days and the smell from the fire lingered through Kelso.

Fire damage in the court yard areas.



For safety precautions the school was out of bounds for all, except people with permission. Many areas were unsafe due to unstable walls and possible poisonous fumes from smouldering areas. The fire or the glow from the fire could be seen over most parts of Bathurst until the early hours of Saturday.

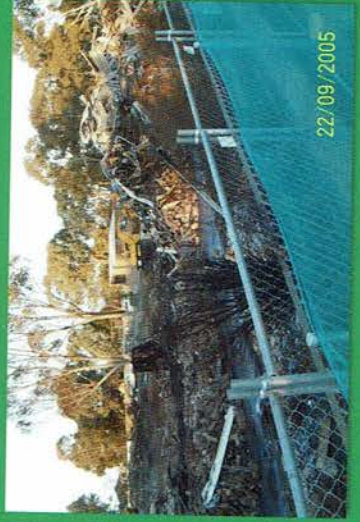
Many people in the school and community pulled together, spending long hours and days, to enable the continuing education of the students of Kelso High.



Demolition of the old school.



Despite the devastation new life appearing from the ashes gave the school community hope.





Demolition continues during Terms 3 and 4



Work continued day and night to have the site cleared before Christmas, so construction for the new school building could commence in 2006.



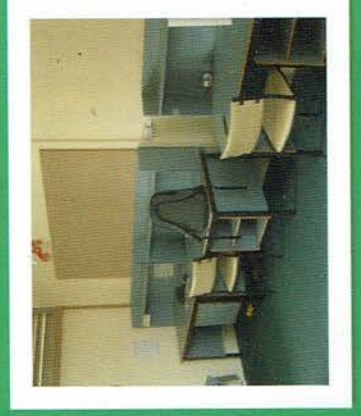
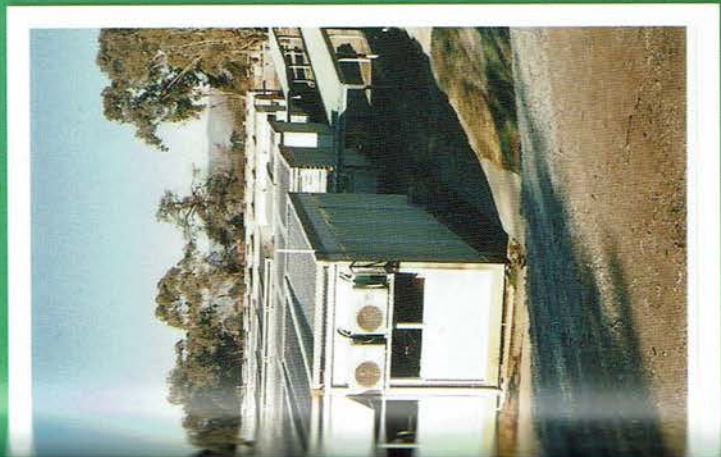
The modular school was home for 2 years and 7 term



The new term 4, 2005 saw the school united again in a modular school set up on the front oval. The weather at times was challenging, especially when the water froze in winter.

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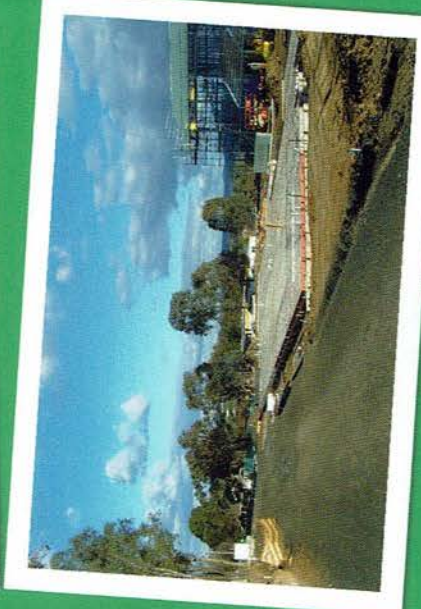
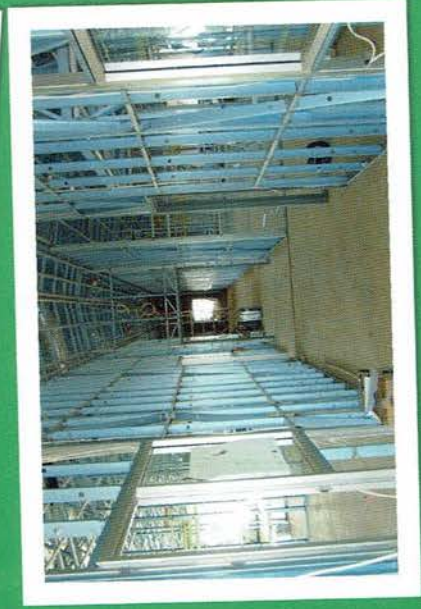
Winter views of the school.



The modular school catered for the basic needs of a fully functioning secondary school in the interim.

The last weeks of 2007 were spent packing boxes ready for the move up the hill, for a brand new, permanent start in 2008.

The new school begins



Construction of the new school began in 2006.

The new school slowly takes shape



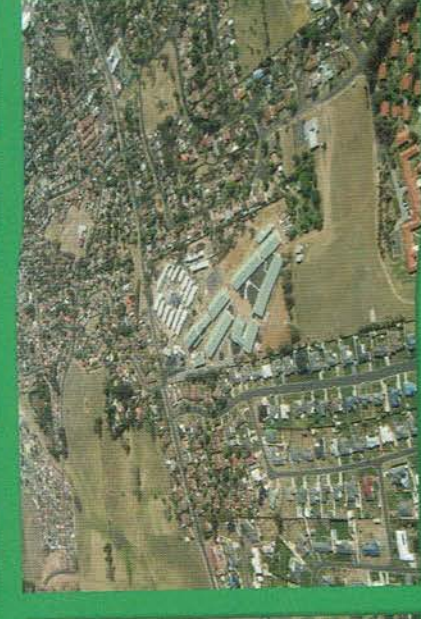
Construction continued through 2007

Nearly finished



The new Denison College, Kelso High Campus nearing completion with furniture and fittings being installed.

Kelso High from the air



Aerial views taken of the school by S and E Chopping.

Kelso High Campus 2008



Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus

The new college established in 2007 comprised of Kelso High Campus and Bathurst High Campus. In the model established both schools existed on separate Campus sites with years 7-10 remaining independent of each other but a common curriculum for years 11 and 12.

Construction of the new school was completed by the start of the new school year in 2008.

Denison College Logo

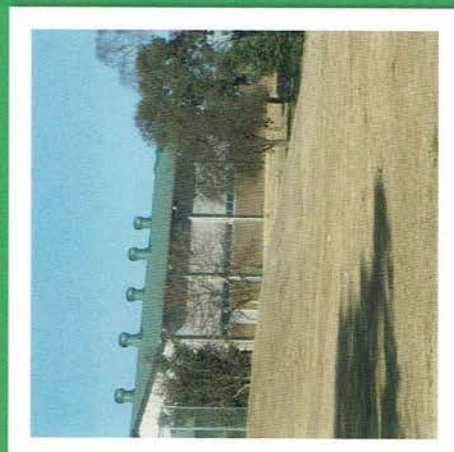
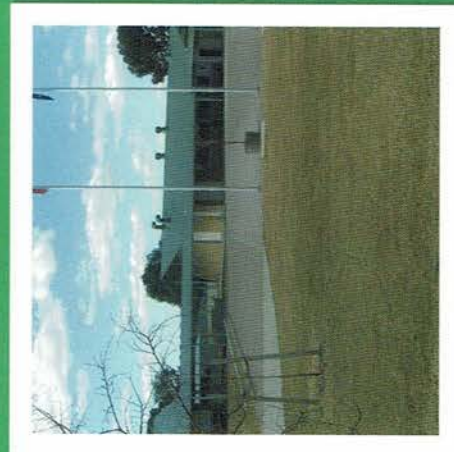
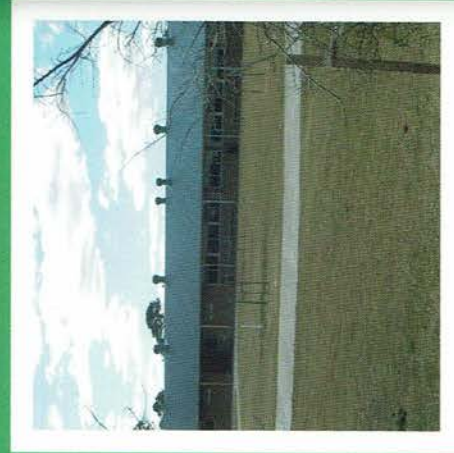
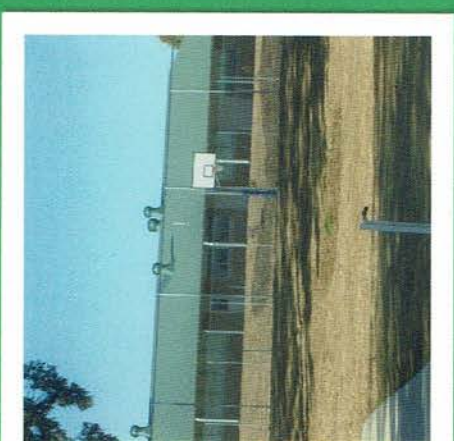


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Views of Kelso High Campus 2008



Setting into the new school.

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