

## Timeline

- 1816 – school has its first classes in the vestry of Christ Church, with convict Henry Wrensford as first master
- 1818 – school became known as “Christ Church School”
- 1820 – Samuel Dell becomes new school master, soon given nickname ‘Ding Dong’ by students
- 1824 – last consignment of convicts to Newcastle, now a free settlers’ town
- 1826 – school officially under control of Church of England
- 1830’s – new school building on corner of Watt Street and Bolton Street
- 1845 – new building replaced original, dilapidated Watt Street building
- 1848- first Anglican bishop, Dr Tyrrell, arrived, and Cathedral established in old church
- 1848 – school firmly under Anglican control, as a Denominational School
- 1848 – last public hanging took place on Gaol Hill, now Fletcher Park
- 1848 – creation of “National Schools” funded by government
- 1855 – last convicts left Newcastle
- 1860 – construction of new brick and shingle building to replace 1845 construction
- 1861 –a “National School” (fully funded by government sources) opened on corner of Tyrrell and Brown Streets,  
the site of current reservoir opposite NEPS
- 1871 – complaints about poor maintenance and lack of play space grew
- 1882 – end of government financial aid to Denominational schools
- 1883 – school is “purchased” by government, ending 56 years of church control
- 1880’s – several purchase of adjoining lands to expand school space
- 1886 – water supply to school established
- 1905 – planning began for entirely new two-storey building on Bolton Street
- 1906 – Newcastle Superior School begins transition to become Newcastle High School
- 1912 – new two-storey building completed and occupied
- 1966 – sesquicentenary (150<sup>th</sup> year) celebrations
- 1983 – Closure of Bolton Street site, schools moves to current site on Brown Street
- 1991 – 175<sup>th</sup> year
- 2016 – First Australian school to celebrate its bicentenary – 200 years of continuous education

## Summary of School’s Name Changes

- 1816 – Newcastle School
- 1818 – Christ Church School
- 1867 – Christ Church Certified Denominational School
- 1883 – Christ Church Public School
- 1886 – Newcastle East Public School