

DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN SANDGATE IN THE EARLY 1900'S?

Misses Daisy and May Gibbins, began promoting in 1905 of their “boarding and day school for girls, and school of arts.” Their institution offered preparation for university, music examinations, and commercial careers.

This was situated at the corner of Yundah Street and Upper Esplanade (now called Eagle Terrace). The school included primary students; however, it was surprisingly named, Sandgate Private High School. Academic achievement was celebrated with Book Awards, like the achievements of Valerie O’Neill from Rainbow Street receiving three consecutive book prizes from 1935 to 1937.

The Misses Gibbins began with private girls and later taught both boys and girls from kindergarten through Form V. The curriculum was diverse, including subjects such as Latin, algebra, scripture, art, needlework, and cookery. Events of Annual end-of-year concerts and theatrical performances being a cherished tradition that featured calisthenics and physical culture displays, the musical performances, and theatrical performances including the play "Aladin in Japan" held at the Town Hall.

The Sandgate Private High School continued to serve the community into the 1940s. The pioneering Misses Gibbins and their peers expanded local educational opportunities locally.

The museum has no photos of this private school, if you have any information or photos to share, please contact us.