

TICHBORNE SCHOOLHOUSE

Tichborne was a small community between Parkes and Forbes. It appears to have got its name from the notoriety arising from the famous Tichborne case.

The school building was commenced in 1880 with a tender of £490 but not completed till 1881. It was donated to the Lachlan Vintage Village by the Goobang Shire.

The first teacher was Mr Mullampy, who had to construct a kitchen for his use. The succeeding teacher, Mr Corbett, asked the Department of Education for a properly constructed kitchen in 1886. (this is now our pottery workshop)

In 1897 the teacher Mr Butler, asked for a reduction in his rent, which was then 13/6- per week. Mr Butler considered 7/6- quite adequate rent.

In 1916 the schoolroom (as you see here) was converted to residence for the teacher. This augmented the already existing eastern side of the building. A new building was erected for use by senior pupils.

Hill End, in 1870, had a school very similar to this one at Lachlan Vintage Village. Borenore (near Orange) has a similar building but it is built of brick (built 1878). This schoolhouse is built of cypress pine and the roof was originally shingled.

Only headmasters were appointed to the school between its opening and final closing in 1970. They are as follows:-

John Mullampy, appointed May, 1881
James Corbett, appointed February, 1886
Samuel Butler, appointed July, 1893
Thomas Gilmore, appointed October, 1903
Donald Marshall, appointed March, 1914
Jacob Barnes, appointed January, 1917
John Bailes, appointed January, 1918
William O'Brien, appointed March, 1921
John Dawson, appointed March, 1922
Tasman Arrow, appointed March, 1925
Charles Redenback, appointed January 1950
Leslie Kinkead, appointed January, 1956

Keith McKenzie, till 1970