

## BEFORE 1923



A map, dated 1893, shows three buildings in Arthur Street, Bunbury. These buildings were Mr Thomas Paisley's school. The building on the corner of Stirling and Arthur Streets, shown in the photograph here, became the High School.

This occurred in 1918.

By 1921 there was an urgent need for a high school in the South West region - a need unable to be met by the Arthur Street School. A contract to construct a separate High school was let on the 9th January, 1922. This school was to be built on Boulter's Heights - a site chosen by the Minister for Education, Sir James Mitchell. The contract for the school went to Totterdell & Bros. of Perth.



Men at work around 1922 clearing the site for Bunbury High School on Boulter's Heights.

Among the men at work were Alby Gibson with horse "Punch". (19 yrs old - 2nd from right at front).  
Bob Prosser, Charlie Riley and Howard House.

Copy of photograph donated by Mrs Olive May (student 1937-1938) daughter of Alby Gibson.



1922 ... and Bunbury's first high school in the process of construction for the 1923 school year

By the 1st October, 1922, a two-storey building comprising of 8 classrooms, 2 science laboratories and a gymnasium was completed at a cost of £15,189.00