

The History of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College



1958 :
Christ the King Parish opens a new Catholic Centre in Churchill Avenue in Braybrook. Marion College West Sunshine opens. CTK new school buildings open.

1921 :
St John's Church on Essex Street in West Footscray is established during the industrial boom.

1956 :
Land for St John's purchased.

1957 :
CTK 520 students.

1966 :
Christ the King Church opens in Braybrook. First matriculation class CTK.

1964 :
Brothers Joe Bouchard, Gerard Stever, Bernard Dumont, Paul Lepage and Edward McGrath arrive in Australia. Construction of St John's commenced.

1969 :
CTK moves back to Braybrook.

1967 :
St John's grows to 520.

1965 :
St John's first classes held predominantly in portable classrooms - 166 Form 1 boys.

1997 :
Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Opens.

1996 :
Decision is formalised which leads to new amalgamated College to be formed.

1995 :
First intimations Brothers time coming to an end.

1850s

The parishes of Bacchus Marsh and Melton. Early twentieth century Parish of Our Lady's Sunshine. Prior to this they were part of the Footscray parish.

1920s

Significant population growth in Melbourne in particular in the western suburbs fuelled now by post war immigrants.

1940s & 1950s

1950 :
A regular Sunday mass begins at the Maidstone Hall in Thompson Street, Maidstone, in addition to the Sunday masses at St John's in West Footscray.

1952 :
The parish of Braybrook is erected under the patronage of Christ the King.

1954 :
Parishes of Sacred Heart St Albans and St Peter Chanelle Deer park.

1960s

1960 :
Melbourne's post war building boom gathers momentum. CTK 900 students. Proposed CTK secondary school for girls.

1961 :
Sadly, the new Catholic Centre which was established with such great sacrifice and labour by the parish was destroyed by fire. Students housed at show grounds before moving on to Ordinance factory.

1962 :
The parish of Maidstone is erected under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, incorporating the community of St John's, Footscray West to cater to the growing parishioners of St. John's. Brothers of the Sacred Heart commit to coming to start Catholic boys' school in Braybrook.

1970s

1970 :
St John's first matriculation class.

1972 :
Girls from CTK and Marion College join boys in senior classes at St John's.

1979 :
Chisholm College formed due to increase pressures.

1990s



1955 :
First classes held for CTK in hostels originally built for migrant railway workers in Rupert St West Footscray (Tottenham).

