

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Historical Walk

Welcome to the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Heritage Walk. Hurlstone is a school with a 100 year history of academic excellence and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit to the school, and your self guided tour of its history.

Please consult the map whilst on your journey.

1. The Principal's Walk

Begin your historic journey of Hurlstone at the Front Office – The Administrative Heart of the School. Please proceed down the Principals Walk, viewing portraits of former HAHS principals. The present Principal is Mr. John Norris and the longest serving Principal was Mr. George Longmuir. 10 principals are featured on this walk.

2. Hall of Honor

This is a room of special significance – a memorial to those brave Hurlstonians who served in the wars of the 20th Century. Perhaps best known is Corporal John Edmondson, a winner of the Victoria Cross for heroic actions in World War 2. The school hall is named in his honour. Hurlstone has produced several soldiers of honour and rank, and this room commemorates them and their comrades. Please take a few moments to view the HAHS Honour rolls of the wars. Then proceed out towards the cottage.

3. The Cottage

Formerly a Sick Bay, this building later served as the Prefect Room. It is currently the English Staff Room. From here please proceed to the Centenary Pavers.

4. Centenary Area

In 2007 the school celebrated its centenary – a legacy of education spanning two sites and thousands of students. Please take a moment to look at the pavers – perhaps your name is here. This area is the original entrance to the school. Please take note of the plaques on the bell, and farming equipment. Then proceed to Clarke House.

5. Clarke House

This structure serves as the school museum. Clarke House was an original building on this site, built in 1926.

Take your time to view some school Artifacts. This building historically served as the home of the principal. Please note the Historical Plaque on the wall of Clarke House. After viewing Clarke House, please proceed to the Rose Garden.

6. Rose Garden

The ashes of prominent Hurlstonian Roy Watts are buried here. Mr Watts was once Director General of Agriculture, and the road HAHS is situated on is named in his honour. These ashes were laid at a school ceremony in 2001. Note the trees with plaques, such as the Tom Taylor tree and the Tobruk Tree. This is planted from a sapling brought back from North Africa by Hurlstonian, Len Gorrick, who fought at Tobruk. Please proceed towards the boarding school.

7. Longmuir Pool

The pool has the distinction of being the first pool in a NSW State School. The pool was first built in 1957, and has been renovated and modernized since then. The plaque visible within the Pool Enclosure was donated by Tony Souter, an old boy.

8. A Block

This building was built in 1926, and has provided continuous accommodation since then. It now houses Year 7 – 9 boarder boys. Then please proceed past the dining Room, B and C blocks, down the stairs to Guthrie. A Block provides accommodation for up to 112 students.

9. Guthrie

The newest block in the boarding school, Guthrie provides accommodation for HAHS boarder girls. Construction was completed in 2000. The block is named after the woman who helped secure the entry of girls into HAHS. Please note the Historical Plaque. Before passing the Sick bay read the Norfolk Island plaque and then head down Service Road to the DT Block.

10. DT Block

Actually known as the McKenzie King Block. Subjects such as woodwork and metal work are studied within this block. Please note the Historical Plaque, then proceed to Edmondson Hall.

11. Edmondson Hall

The site of present school assemblies and important exams. Note the HAHS War Cry, visible on a plaque donated by a previous Year 12. The school hall is named in honor of Corporal John Edmondson, a winner of the Victoria Cross for heroic actions in World War 2. Read the historical plaque about Edmondson Hall.

Walk down past tennis courts to the Rugby Shed.

12. The Hindmarsh Pavilion (Rugby Shed)

The Hindmarsh Pavilion serves as the HAHS Rugby Shed. Please note the Historical Plaque. Note the football oval originally constructed by students in the 1930s. Walk towards the railway station and Horne Park.

13. Horne Park

The picturesque entrance to our school, located near Glenfield Station. In the 1930s, students caught the steam train, The Liverpool Flyer. Note the farming equipment. Horne Park is named after a former Head of Mathematics and Senior Resident Master at the Boarding School in the 1960s. After viewing the park, walk up the Service Road to Cadet Hut.

14. Cadet Hut

Located behind the Hall, this building serves the HAHS Cadet Corp. Walk through the area between the Canteen and Music rooms. On this spot once stood the school's original assembly hall, built by students in the 1930s.

15. Mathematics Rooms

These classrooms, built in 1926, were one of the original HAHS buildings on this site after the move from Hurlstone Park. The Quad in front of you is known as the "Donut Quad". Proceed back to the office