The first GGS at Villamanta Street, Geelong, opened by Governor Sir Henry Barkly in 1853.

Very Revd George Vance DD, Headmaster 1855-1860, second Dean of Melbourne.
Venerable Theodore Stretch, Original Founder 1855, Archdeacon of Geelong.

GGS Opens at Villamanta Street with Rev George Oakley Vance as Headmaster 1855.

Geelong Grammar closes and John Bracebridge Wilson opens Newtown High School 1860.

1854 Electric telegraph line opens between Geelong and Melbourne.
1857 Geelong’s population exceeds 23,000.

Right Revd Charles Perry DD, Founder from 1857, first Bishop of Melbourne.

Geelong Grammar School reopens with John Bracebridge Wilson as Headmaster.

Very Revd Hussey Burgh Macartney, Dean of Melbourne.

The School opened on 1 October 1855 with 14 boys.

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STEVE FAIRBAIRN

1875 First issue of school magazine and first appointment of school prefects.

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1874 Rowing Team - GGS Wins Head of the River 1874.

1881 Teaching Staff - J B Wilson, Headmaster 1863-1895.
Isabelle McComas, Founder and Principal of Glamorgan 1887-1946.

1879 Opening of Geelong to Queenscliff railway.

1885 Louis Pasteur vaccinates people against rabies.

1890 Australian Labor Party formed.

1902 GGS Premiership Football Team.

We look to the past with gratitude in our hearts to those who founded this School.
REV CANON STEPHEN

1900 Old Geelong Grammarians Association founded.

1902 Jubilee celebration of GGS 1857-1907.

Federation of Australia proclaimed 1901.

1906 The Hermitage School opens.

1906-1946 Isabelle Henderson, Founder and Headmistress of Clyde School 1910-1922.

1909 Thomas Bostock, Council 1909-1922.

1911 School Council decides to move GGS to Corio.

1912 Sinking of the Titanic near Cape Race, Atlantic Ocean.

1911 Migration to Corio.

Commonwealth Bank established.

1910 Clyde School opens.

Isabelle Henderson, Founder and Headmistress of Clyde School.

1912 W T Manifold, OGG Chairman 1911-1922.

1913 “Like a young crustacean the School has grown to bursting point... it has outgrown its shell and longs to have more freedom.”

GGS Quarterly Dec 1913.