

Ventnor School No. 3895

Est. 1922



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In 2022, Ventnor commemorated the centennial of the construction of Ventnor State School number 3895, purpose-built in 1922.

Before this milestone, the 27 local children who attended classes endured cramped and uncomfortable conditions. They had to make do with inadequate lighting and ventilation in the original Ventnor Hall, a building that also served as a public library and hosted various functions and dances for hire.

In November 1920, four concerned locals, including Mrs. Sarah Harris, visited the Minister for Education. They requested the construction of a

dedicated school for Ventnor's children due to the unsuitable conditions and the hall's competing uses.

The government was convinced by the parents' arguments and subsequently acquired a 3-acre (1.5 ha) site on the south corner of Ventnor Road and Ventnor Beach Road, opposite the Ventnor Hall, for the new purpose-built Ventnor State School. The construction of the new building, measuring 26'6 x 21' (8m x 6.4m), cost £750. Miss Dorothy Cook assumed her role as the school's teacher on September 6, 1922, with 17 students in attendance.

The school finally closed in 1963, having served the local community for over 40 years.

Census records from 1921 indicate that Ventnor's population was 143 people. It's worth noting that the Ventnor school building still exists today as a private home.
