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In 1916 the first classes of St. Cecilia’s school children commenced at the Church in Byron Street. There were 15 children in total including primary and secondary students. This also included borders and day students.

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During World War II, teachers and students would practise taking shelter in dug out trenches on the land of the bowling club next door. This was in case Australia ever encountered air raids during the war.

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Our school, St. Cecilia’s, was named after a lady named Miss Cecilia Woodbury who helped to raise the money needed to build the Catholic Church in Byron Street and where the first school lessons were taught. Cecilia Woodbury was also known for her musical talent, so when it was discovered that there was a Saint Cecilia who was the patron saint of music they couldn’t go past naming the school ‘St. Cecilia’s’.
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St. Cecilia’s was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters who first taught at this school were known for their hardworking attitudes and caring nature. This is a photograph of Sister Raymond who was the first Head Nun appointed to St. Cecilia’s.

The students at St. Cecilia’s have always held a high reputation in the community for their musical ability. From the early days, led by the Sisters, our school choir has won
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several eisteddfods and competitions.

(Trophies on display)