



History of Chundikuli Girls' College

1896 – 2008

- 1896 * Chundikuli Girls' College was formally opened on the 14th of January with 9 students. The founder was Mrs. Mary Carter.
 - * By the end of the year the number on roll was 30.
- 1897 * Miss Annie Hopfengartner arrived to act for Mrs. Carter who went on furlough.
- 1898 * Miss Amy Goodchild arrived at Chundikuli.
- 1899 * Mrs. Mary Carter passed away.
- 1900 * Chundikuli became a Grant – in- aid – school.
The number on roll was 100.
- 1902 * Cambridge exams replaced the Culcutta Entrance exams.
- 1904 * Miss Sophia Lucinda Page arrived as Principal. Students were sent up for the Junior and Senior Cambridge exams.
- 1910 * Badminton was introduced.
- 1911 * The Trinity College of Music exams were held here in December, for the first time.
- 1913 * The Old Girls' Association was inaugurated in August by Miss Page.
- 1915 * The school was registered for a block grant which was about 8 times the amount received in 1900.
- 1916 * For the first time Tamil was taught as a subject.
- 1917 * Chundikuli was registered as a fully organized secondary school thus making it the only school of its type in the North.
- 1919 * The girl guide movement was started rating it as the First Guide company in Jaffna.
- 1924 * A "Brownie pack" was started with 42 members.

- 1925 * Netball was introduced at Chundikuli.
- 1926 * The house system was introduced.
There were 3 houses namely – Tennys, Nightingale and Shakespeare.
The English literary association was formed.
- 1927 * The first college Magazine was published.
The 3 houses were re-named Carter, Good child & Page.
- 1929 * Miss Jeyasothy Thamoatham, became the first woman graduate, to get the London science degree.
- 1930 * The school uniform changed into a neck with a collar.
- 1931 * Miss Page retired after 27 years of service.
Miss Maud Willis was appointed principal.
- 1932 * Miss Maud Willis passed away on 30th January
Miss Northway was appointed as the principal.
Our emblem of the school was established during Miss. Northway's time.
- 1933 * Dedication of the "Willis Memorial Library" on 30th January.
- 1935. * Miss E.M. Thillayampalam was appointed as Vice-Principal.
The foundation stone for the school was laid on 23rd July.
- 1936 * The school shifted to the present place on 6th October.
Miss Lily Selliah (Mrs. J.N. Arumugam) passed out as the first lady doctor.
- 1937 * Miss Kelk formed the St. John's Chundikuli choir.
- 1939 * The Grace Hensman memorial block was built.
The O.G.A. Colombo branch was officially inaugurated.
- 1940 * Art, Domestic science and Science rooms were declared open on 22nd September
- 1943 * Dr. (Miss) Thillaiyampalam was appointed the first National principal.
- 1945 * Free Education scheme introduced by Mr. C.W.W. Kannangara
- 1946 * Golden Jubilee celebrations by staff and O.G.A. 13th – 16th. June.
- 1947 * School recognized as a Grade 1 school.
- 1948 * The jubilee dining hall was formally opened on 10th June.
The first batch of arts students sat the University entrance exam.

- 1950 * Dr. (Miss) E.M. Thillaiyampalam retired.
- 1951 * Miss Sarah Mathai was appointed principal.
 * Vice principal Miss. Yogam Muttiah retired.
 * Miss Edith .I. Kelk was appointed vice principal.
- 1956 * The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated officially from 21st – 24th June.
 * The Diamond Jubilee block was declared open by Dr. (Miss) E.M. Thillayampalam.
 * The playground was extended on 3 sides by purchasing adjoining lands.
- 1957 * The first Tamil medium batch sat the G.C.E.(O/L) Exam.
- 1960 * Take over the schools by the Government.
- 1961 * Chundikuli opted to remain private and non-fee-Levying.
 * Miss Sarah T. Mathai retired.
 * Mrs. G.E.S. Chelliah was appointed principal.
 * Miss Yogam Muttiah was appointed manager of the school.
- 1966 * Our sportsmeet was held on our own grounds for the first time.
- 1968 * Miss Yogam Muttiah, who was associated with the school for 63 years was called to rest.
- 1970 * Dr. (Miss) E.M. Thillaiyampalam, was appointed manager of Chundikuli.
 * The principal's bungalow was completed.
- 1971 * The 75th Anniversary of the college was celebrated on 26th January
 * The number on roll was 755, staff numbered 35.
 * The N.C.G.E replaced the G.C.E.O/L.
 * Our Guide company (1st in Jaffna) celebrated Golden jubilee.
- 1972 * The Science laboratory, the library and the college hall were renovated .
- 1973 * The Jubilee building was completed.
 * It was declared open on the 13th of June.
- 1975 * The first N.C.G.E batch sat the public exam.
 * Mrs. L.P. Jayaweerasingam appointed as co-vice principal.

- 1976 * Dr. (Miss) E.M. Thillayampalam entered glory on 23rd November.
- * Change of government did away with the N.C.G.E.
- * Main hall reconstructed.
- 1978 * Inauguration of Science, Commerce and Hindu Unions. Mrs. Emily Nallammah Nathaniel , the oldest old girl passed away at the age of 101.
- 1981 * The Diamond Jubilee of the 1st Jaffna Guide company was celebrated.
- 1983 * Mrs. G.E.S. Chelliah retired after being associated with the school for 52 years.
- * Mrs. L.P. Jeyaweerasingam was appointed principal.
- * Miss Sarah T. Mathai, one of our past principals passed away in India.
- * There were 40 full time teachers.
- 1984 * Our old girls in U.K met for the first time in September.
- * Mrs. C.N. Devanandan was appointed vice principal in January.
- * Inauguration of English Union.
- 1986 * Foundation laid for the 3 storey block.
- 1989 * P.P.A Canada was inaugurated.
- 1990 * An O.G.A branch was inaugurated in Melbourne, Australia, in October
- 1991 * The First “Teachers day “celebration took place on the 4th of October.
- * The last missionary vice principal Miss. Edith.I. Kelk who served the college for 23 years passed away in U.K. on 5th February..
- * `The number on roll was 1041.
- 1993 * Mrs. N. Devanandan, vice principal, left after 10 yrs.
- * Mrs. T. Rajaratnam and Mrs. M.S. Devanayagam were appointed co-vice principals.
- 1995 * The mass exodus took place in Jaffna from 31st October.
- * Mrs. L.P. Jayaveerasingam, retired after serving as teacher, vice principal and principal for 4 decades.
- 1996 * Vice principal, Mrs. M. S. Devanayagam, retired after 23 years of service.
- * Mrs. Chandra Vijiadharm, the primary school supervisor, retired

after 37 years of service as teacher and supervisor.

- * Mrs. T. Rajaratnam appointed as principal.
 - * Miss Violet Muriel Hutchins passed away at Karunanilayam, Kilinochchi after serving as a missionary for 70 year
 - * Miss Sathie Sinnappoo manager of the school, left for Colombo. Mrs. Grace Satkunasingam, was appointed as manager
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- * The centenary souvenir by the Old Girls in Colombo was released on 15.1.96.
 - * A thanks giving service in connection with the centenary celebrations of the College was held the Cathedral of Christ the living Saviour on 20.1.96.
 - * A commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs.2/= was released in Colombo on March 1st.
 - * Mrs. L.C.S. Sabaratnam was appointed supervisor of the Primary school.
 - * Tragic deaths of our students Chrishanthie Kumarasamy and Gnananthi Kananathan occurred on 7/9/96 and Vijitha Chanthirarasa in November
- 1997
- * Belated centenary celebration at Chundikuli Girls' College on 1.1.97.
- 1998
- * The P.P.A. in Perth, West Australia was inaugurated on 25th October.
- 1999
- * Mrs. Mahila Rajasigam was appointed manager of the school in place of Mrs. Grace Satkunasingam
 - * Mrs. I.P. Deva retired in February after 30 years of service as a teacher, Middle school supervisor and Vice Principal.
 - * Selvagowry Antheretchakan, our old girl, represented U.K. and won a silver Medal in the 400M hurdles, in the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.
 - * The Supervisor of the primary school, Mrs. L.C.S. Sabaratnam retired after 19 years of service as teacher and supervisor.
- 2000
- * Mrs. J. Amirthalingam was appointed Supervisor of the Primary school.
 - * Miss L.P. Deva and Miss E.M. Deva who served the school

faithfully as teachers and Vice Principals for a very long period with dedication passed away.

- 2001
- * A memorial service for the Deva sisters was held on the 10th of February at St. John's Church.
 - * Bishop Kenneth M.J. Fernando retired on the 25th of February and Rt. Rev. Duleep Kamil de Chickera was appointed Bishop.
 - * Rt. Rev. Kumare Illangasinghe, Bishop of Kurunegala was appointed Chairman of the Governing Body for C.M.S. schools in place of Dr. E.S. Thevasagayam.
 - * The Renovated hostel kitchen and dining room with the Rs.100,000/= donation of the O.G.A. Jaffna was blessed by Bishop Chickera on the 26th of November.
- 2002
- * After school English Medium classes for Maths and science commenced.
 - * Following the signing of the memorandum of understanding in February, the A9 road was opened in April.
 - * The foundation stone was laid for the 'Page Memorial Complex' on the 19th of July.
 - * Mrs. D. Thuseetharan who returned from U.K. in October was appointed Vice Principal in November.
- 2003
- * English Medium classes were introduced in the school curriculum.
 - * Mini Tennis was introduced in the primary school.
- 2004
- * Opening of the 'Page memorial' by Bishop Kumara Bandara Illaagasinghe took place on the 14th of January.
 - * Mrs. Mahila Rajasingam who was our manager from 1999 – 2004 passed away after a terminal illness.
 - * The tsunami tidal waves hit Sri-Lanka in December.
- 2005
- * Mrs. J.T. Chelliah, husband of our emeritus principal, passed away in Canada on the 25th of April .
 - * Mrs. J. Amirthalingam, The Primary school supervisor retired in

February after serving the school for 26 years.

- * Mrs. Suganthy Jeyarayingam was appointed the supervisor of the Primary school.
- * Our principal Mrs. T. Rajaratnam retired on 31st December 2005 after 40 years of service as teacher, Middle school supervisor, Vice Principal & Principal.
- * Nine of our Primary students represented the Jaffna District Mini Tennis team which was placed 2nd runner up at the all is tournament.

- 2006
- * Mrs. D. Thuseetharan took over the school in January. Installation of Mrs. Thuseetharan as Principal took place on the 19th of May.
 - * The A9 road closed on the 11th of August.
 - * Mr. S. Thanapalan emeritus principal St. John's College passed away after a terminal illness on the 15th of August.
 - * The foundation for the new primary block was laid on 14th April by Mrs. L. P. Jayaveerasingam, emeritus principal.
 - * The college bade farewell to Mrs. T. Rajaratnam, emeritus Principal on the 2nd of August.
 - * Ven. J. Sarvanandan was appointed Chairman C.M.S. Govermy Body 10th August in place of Bishop Kumara Illangesingha.
 - * Dr. E.S. Thevasagayam former chairman of the C.M.S Governing body passed away on 4th August.
 - * Mrs. Rajini Sahayaseelan was appointed Vice Principal on the 8th of October.
- 2008
- * The new Primary school block was declared open by our emeritus Principal Mrs. T. Rajaratnam on the 14th of January.
 - * The C.C.F. of Canada ceased helping children of our school.
 - * Mr. A. Jayaveerasingam, husband of our manager passed away on the 23rd of January.
 - * Mr. S.S. Rajaratnam, husband of our emeritus principal passed away in March.
 - * Mrs. A. Aloysius, the Vice Principal retired in April.

