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, Goodchild & Page.
1929 ★ Miss Jeyasothy Thamotharam, 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 J. 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 Vijiadharma, 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 years.

Miss Sathie Sinnappoo manager of the school, left for Colombo. Mrs. Grace Satkunasingam, was appointed as manager.

The centenary souvenir by the Old Girls in Colombo was released on 15.1.96.

A thanksgiving 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 Kanathan occurred on 7/9/96 and Vijitha Chanthirarasa in November 1997.

Belated centenary celebration at Chundikuli Girls’ College on 1.1.97.

The P.P.A. in Perth, West Australia was inaugurated on 25th October.

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.

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 Jeyarayasingam was appointed the supervisor of the Primary school.

Our principal Mrs. T. Rajaratnam retired on 31\textsuperscript{st} 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 19\textsuperscript{th} of May.

The A9 road closed on the 11\textsuperscript{th} of August.

Mr. S. Thanapalan emeritus principal St. John’s College passed away after a terminal illness on the 15\textsuperscript{th} of August.

The foundation for the new primary block was laid on 14\textsuperscript{th} April by Mrs. L. P. Jayaveerasingam, emeritus principal.

The college bade farewell to Mrs. T. Rajaratnam, emeritus Principal on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of August.

Ven. J. Sarvanandan was appointed Chairman C.M.S. Governing Body 10\textsuperscript{th} August in place of Bishop Kumara Illangesingha.

Dr. E.S. Thevasagayam former chairman of the C.M.S Governing body passed away on 4\textsuperscript{th} August.

Mrs. Rajini Sahayaseelan was appointed Vice Principal on the 8\textsuperscript{th} of October.

2008

The new Primary school block was declared open by our emeritus Principal Mrs. T. Rajaratnam on the 14\textsuperscript{th} 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 23\textsuperscript{rd} of January.

Mr. S.S. Rajaratnam, husband of our emeritus principal passed away in March.

Mrs. A. Aloysius, the Vice Principal retired in April.