In June of 1939, the TSS Librarian Mr. E. J. Robin, was embarking on a radical change to the way the resource collection was handled. The library had been run since 1907 by two nominated students, books were classified by genres only.

The introduction of the new card cataloguing system was going to make a more efficient library system, so a complete overhaul was necessary in order to card catalogue and index each resource.

Mr Robin expected it would take well over a year to complete. Unfortunately he was not to get that year, as he was asked for his resignation by the end of the year due to the schools financial state.

Most boys had to return to the farms to take the place of their fathers and brothers who had gone to war.

The school was taken over by the US Military in 1942 and was used as a military hospital for four years.

It was not until 1948 that a foundation stone was laid for the War Memorial Library. It did not officially open until 1957, due to a dispute with the builder and the architect not issuing a certificate of completion.

Mr M.R Walker was the first official Librarian in 1958, and the card catalogue system was finally introduced.

It wasn’t until the mid 1990’s that a software program became available to digitalise the card catalogue records.