



1854 The first "Wellington District Grammar School" at Paisley and Arnold was built in the shape of the letter "T" and is largely conjectural. The master's residence was in front the "T" and two classrooms formed the stem of the "T."

1879 The school was replaced by the first high school, Guelph Collegiate Institute, and the residence demolished. An outdoor pump provided drinking water and a double row of outdoor privies (washrooms) were built. These were used until 1906. A tower and belfry were added to the front as well as large limestone blocks above the two entry arches on either side of the tower. These same blocks were preserved in the Japanese Gardens and in 1993 the 10 year project was completed. They were placed in the 1923 building above the Alfred M. Lafferty Auditorium entrance.

1886 The boy's gymnasium, a wooden "Drill Shed," was added behind the school. It had poor heating and no insulation. For 50 years it served as an assembly hall, training area for the cadets, and a physical education classroom.

1906 Another building was quickly constructed because of overcrowding. It had indoor plumbing and electricity.

1923 A large brick building was built beside the old building. It had skylights, an open auditorium, a swimming pool and technology classrooms. The school was named "The Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute."

1946 A passageway was built to connect the 1906 and 1923 buildings so that staff and students did not have to walk outside from one building to another. The old buildings were used off and on for classrooms until 1959.

1959 All the buildings except the 1923 building were demolished.

1960-1970's The construction of a new cafeteria and gymnasium began as well as a new addition of a shop wing, commercial wing and another gymnasium. Alterations for enlarged Administrative and Guidance areas were done and the swimming pool was converted into a library in **1969**. In **1974** the auditorium was closed in with walls.

1979 Tennis courts were added to the back campus. This was a joint venture of the Board and the City of Guelph.

2009-2017 The GCVI Greening Committee under teacher, Lloyd Lewis began planting trees, shrubs and flowers around the campus, and new pathways were made. Other updates were new benches, large rocks for seating around the school. As well as The John McCrae Victory Garden for our school neighbours and a grand arch walkway. A large Arboretum under the supervision of teacher Dan Sernasie began its construction. The tennis courts were also changed to basketball courts.

2018-2019 Major renovations: asbestos, plumbing, electrical, classroom changes, accessible washrooms, new elevator and department office upgrades.