

Stories of the Tweed Valley

Home Life



Work and Play

The first school in the Tweed Valley opened at The Junction in 1872. The school building was a small and simple slab hut and there was no playground, no office and no bell! In the late 19th century and early 20th century school children used slates and slate pencils like the one in the photograph to learn to write. To erase their work and start something new the children used a damp rag. Although the slate pencil looks grey or black, when it is used to write on the slate it comes out white.



Look closely at the two photographs and list the differences between your classroom and the equipment you use at school and the classrooms and equipment used by school children in the 1920s and 30s in the table below.



My Classroom	Classroom in the 1920s/30s
My Equipment	Equipment in the 1920s/30s

Tweed River Regional Museum

Established in 2004, with the uniting of the three local Historical Societies, Tweed River Regional Museum is one museum in three special locations, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Uki. Spanning the Shire from the coast to the mountains, the branches of Tweed River Regional Museum are a unique journey into the history, people and places of majestic Tweed Valley.

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