The Minto Public School Museum was opened in 1993 after a temporary museum, forming a part of the school’s 125th anniversary celebrations in 1992, proved popular.

The purpose of the museum is that of collecting, preserving and promoting items pertaining to the history of NSW public education and Minto history.

The museum is administered by a dedicated committee of volunteers. The committee oversees the general operation of the museum—finances, building maintenance, and so on.

An extensive range of reasonably priced Minto Public School Museum souvenirs, including several featuring the award-winning pencil sketch by (Mrs) Laurie A Porter, as printed on this brochure, is available for purchase at the museum and donations are always gratefully received.

The Minto Public School Museum is easily accessed by public transport.

Admission is free for members of the general public who are wishing to inspect the Museum.

Inspection is by appointment (although the museum is also open to the general public on certain special occasions).

Community groups and school groups welcome by appointment.

Educational programs for school groups, run by qualified teachers and experienced school staff, can be arranged for a small fee per student.

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Minto Public School is the oldest public school in the Campbelltown district.

Originally known as ‘Saggart Field School’, the school opened in 1867, on the SE corner of Campbelltown Road and Redfern Road (now Ben Lomond Road), moving to the NE corner of these roads in 1882. The school’s name was changed to ‘Minto Public School’ in 1884. Minto Public School relocated to its present site in 1954 due to a population shift.

The Minto Public School Museum is housed in an old railway brake van, reminiscent of the old railway carriages used as mobile classrooms and teachers’ residences in isolated communities in the 1940’s.

The Museum comprises an olden-day classroom and a display room housing artifacts and photographs pertaining to Minto and early school life.

Highlights include:
- Model of the first Minto school building
- Stories such as that of Mrs Nanno Clarke, the school’s first teacher, who allegedly died of starvation on Christmas Day of 1869, aged just 40 years, because the parents of the students were apparently too poor to support her
- The Minto Public School Punishment Book and Old Minto Public School Admission Registers
- Old documents, newspaper articles and letters relating to the history of Minto Public School and Minto
- Old Minto Public School class photographs and photographs of early Minto
- Old school exercise books, dating back to 1905, once belonging to former Minto Public School student Lorna Cox
- Success stories of former Minto Public School students and teachers

Reminisce as you peruse early school text books on old school desks.

….. And don’t forget to consider the cane which sits atop the old school blackboard, and think about the children who received such a punishment in days gone by.