



## The Carbet Castle Bell

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School is home to the bell from the shipwreck of the *Carbet Castle*.



The *Carbet Castle* was a barque first launched in 1875, and was carrying a mixed cargo including railway material for the Collie to Bridgetown railway when it was shipwrecked during a storm while moored in Bunbury in 1897. The ship was salvaged with many items sold to buyers from the Bunbury area.

It is believed that the bell came to the School in the old Wilson House buildings transported here in late 1972.

By 1979 the bell was hanging at the end of G Block to be rung on very special occasions, including the Lishman Lap of Valour.

Many former students have fond memories of the bell from when it hung outside G Block and the Old Grammarians' Association (OGA) decided that it would like it on display for past, current and future members of the School community to see. In 2013 the OGA paid for the bell to be professionally cleaned and conserved by the WA Maritime Museum. It has now been presented back to the School so that many more people can enjoy it.

The Carbet Castle Bell is on display at the front counter in the Bishop Ralph Hawkins Administration Building.