

St David's Marist Inanda – The Early History as in Provincial Council Minutes

29/10/35 (72):

Bishop O'Leary is not opposed to opening a new school in the Parkview area.

20/1/1936 (76):

Option on Dr Girwood's property in Rosebank for £10,000. It was suggested that there would be a better chance of securing the authorisation of the General Council for the purchase of the property if the building of the chapel at Observatory were postponed.

17/3/36 (78):

All other schemes be shelved until a substantial reduction had been made in the Province's debts.

25/10/36 (83):

Agreed to sell Rosebank and purchase 13 acres in Parktown North for £13,000.

31/12/37 (92):

Rosebank sold for £11,000 and 8 acres in Illovo bought for £6,400. The new Wanderers grounds would offer excellent facilities for sports and swimming.

/9/39 (99):

That the new college be started in the latter part of the present year, and for this purpose a loan of £30,000 be authorised. Notes on above: The Brothers throughout the Province are anxious to see the work in Johannesburg at Inanda begun. The sooner started the better, as there is a danger of rising prices. We are in a position to face the outlay on Inanda as our Provincial debt has dropped from £44,000 to £13,000 of which at least £2,000 will be cleared by the end of the year. We are asking for £30,000 which would permit us to move all our boarders from Koch St – 100 in number. For the time being we must erect what is necessary for a primary department, namely three classrooms for infants' department, four or five for the primary, dormitories for 150 for we will open with at least 120 boarders, Brothers' House, dining rooms etc. The secondary side – classrooms, science department, gymnasium, senior lavatory block, proper fencing and entrance gates must stand over till we are in a position to go further. The plans are such that when completed there will be a school as large as the one at Observatory.

26/3/1940 (101):

The Council agreed to a sum of £45,000 for the new school at Inanda, Johannesburg.  
..... a mortgage bond of £80,000 on our properties in the Union.

13/4/1941 (104):

Inanda. No vote was taken for extensions but it was felt that there was urgent need to remove boarders from Kock St and the junior boarders from Observatory to suitable buildings at Inanda.

5/10/1941 (106):

It was agreed to seek a loan of £30,000 to further our building schemes at Inanda and Maritzburg.  
That £12,000 be spent on dormitories etc at Inanda.

1/1/44 (113)

Monies paid by different communities for Inanda. Observatory 1937-1943 £44,521.5.2 Rondebosch £3,800.0.0 Br Michael submitted to the Council a statement of expenses for buildings paid out during 1943. The sums amounted to £27,845.12.5 1943 Receipts for Inanda totalled £19,934.10.0. From the houses of the Province £7,540 Sale of Kensington Lots £2,334.10.0, Loans £10,000 and interest £60

2/1/44 (116)

Debt on Inanda £7,000