The Year 7 era all started on the 29th of January, 2013. 211 Year 7 students from all around the Redlands were about to travel to Cleveland District State High School to take part in the Flying Start Program. The first of its kind ever to take place in Queensland!

There were many sites considered for the construction of M Block. But the location of where it is now was chosen because the school wanted to have the Year 7 students, and the building, to be incorporated with the main school as much as possible.

M Block stands 15 metres tall. Mr Mitchell designed the flooring of the building and many other teachers had the opportunity to design a section of the building. The layout of the building had to be just right. By this I mean to get down one flight of stairs, you don’t have to walk around six classrooms. There needed to be many classrooms to hold all of the brand new Year 7 students.
The building has got some special features that the main school does not have. These features include the FLAs (Flexible Learning Areas). These rooms can be used for many different purposes such as science and art. On the ground level there are Drama and Project areas. Each general learning space holds four classrooms which can be opened up into one huge area just by opening up the moveable walls.

When I asked why the building was called M Block, Mr Mitchell said “The building that was demolished to construct the new building was the old music block and was called M Block. So that was the logical letter to give the new building”.

The furniture had a grand total price of over $250 000 and it was Mr Mitchell that had the honour of shopping for all of the furniture, with some good advice from Mr Lanyon, Miss Moriarty and Mrs Hough. Good job everyone!

This project took 51 weeks to build, a record time because it included the plans and the decoration of the building.

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