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AN ACT to make provision for the higher education of Boys.

[Assented to, 31st December, 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the higher education of boys, by establishing a High School; Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency The Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:— Preamble.

1 THIS Act may be cited as "The High School Act, 1875." Short Title.

2 IT shall be lawful for the Governor to hire some premises within the City of Perth, such as may be deemed suitable for a boys' school; and from time to time to appoint a head master and assistant master or masters for the school to be carried on in such premises; and may from time to time remove such master or masters and supply any vacancy thereby or otherwise occurring. Power to Governor to hire house and appoint masters.

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Name of School.

3 THE said School shall be called “The High School, Perth,” and the education to be given at such school shall be exclusively secular.

Governor to appoint a board to superintend school.

4 THE Governor shall from time to time appoint such persons as he may select, not less than three nor more than nine in number, to form a board for the superintendence and regulation of the said school; each of such persons shall remain a member of the said board for the term of three years from the date of his appointment, unless he dies or resigns within that time; it shall be competent for such board to make general rules and regulations respecting the division of the year into three convenient terms, the hours to be observed, the course of study to be followed, the punishments to be allowed, and generally respecting the internal conduct and management of the said school, and such rules and regulations when approved of by the Governor in Council and published in the *Government Gazette* shall be binding on the masters. Any member of the said board shall have power at all reasonable times during school hours to enter the said school, but on his so doing he shall not be entitled in any way to interfere with the masters in the conduct of the school.

Board to make by-laws.

What boys may be admitted.

5 ANY boy not under ten years of age who can read and write, shall be eligible for admission to the said school; provided, always, that the majority of the said board may, at the instance of the head master, refuse to admit any boy, and may expel any boy who has been admitted.

Forms of payment.

6 THE terms of payment for each boy for tuition in the said school shall be three pounds per term, payable in advance. Such sum shall not include school books. The said school fees shall be paid into the Treasury for the general purposes of the Colony.

Power to contribute to building fund.

7 ANY person paying to the Colonial Treasurer the sum of One hundred pounds sterling, as and for a contribution towards a building fund to be formed for the purpose of acquiring a suitable plot of land and erecting suitable buildings for the use of the said school, shall be entitled to have for himself and his heirs and assigns for ever the right to have any such one boy as he or they may from time to time nominate educated at the said school without payment of any school fees. The said Treasurer shall from time to time, as he receives any such contribution, invest the same as the Governor in Council may direct. When any sums so contributed, together with the interest or dividends thereon, shall amount to a sum which

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is sufficient in the opinion of the Governor in Council to defray the cost of purchasing a suitable piece of land and the erection of buildings as aforesaid, the Governor may authorise the said monies to be expended on such purchase and erection. Provided, always, that it shall be at any time lawful for the Governor to direct the said Treasurer to receive no further sums which may be tendered as contributions under this section, and on such direction being given, the right to contribute under this section shall cease. Proviso.

8 IF at any time, before any land is bought or buildings erected out of monies contributed under the next preceding section, the school established by this Act shall be given up, a return shall be made to the persons who have contributed as aforesaid of the sums contributed by them; and if the said school shall be given up after such land has been purchased and buildings have been erected out of monies contributed as aforesaid, the said land and buildings shall be granted and conveyed by the Governor free of expense to the said contributors, their heirs or assigns, to hold the same as tenants in common. If school given up, contributions to be returned.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.