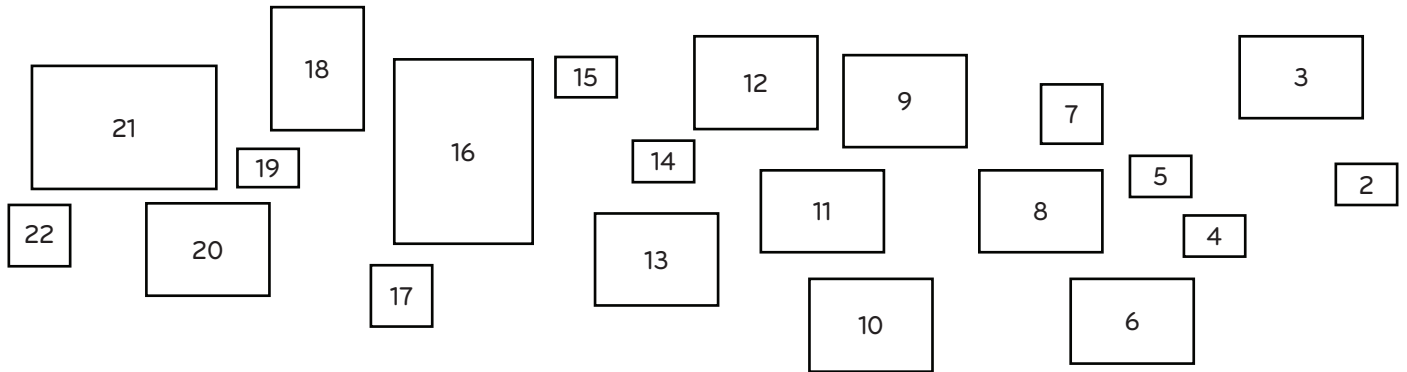


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This photo was taken by Dr Lo Wai Yin during her interview with Principal Chan Hon Keung in 2005. The interview is now featured in Lo's book *Under the Blue Sky and Trees: Village Schools of the New Territories*.

Photo courtesy: Lo Wai Yin

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In the 1950s, the village school did not require students to wear uniforms as most of them were children of farmers with low income. In this photo, teacher Fung Suet Kwan, a former member of the Hong Kong Women's Basketball Team, is leading a singing class.

Photo courtesy: son of Fung Suet Kwan

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On 7 July 2007, an alumni poon choi banquet was held before the school's closure, marking the final night on campus.

Photo courtesy: Sam Kwok

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Taken in the early 1960s, the photo shows the Hing Ah Preserved Factory in the upper right corner and Yau Ma Hom Village in the distance.

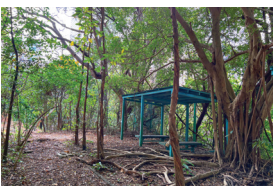
Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

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By the 1960s, students were already required to wear uniforms. In the photo, students are watering frangipani saplings during the agricultural studies class.

Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

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| 6 |  | <p>The garden at the school's main entrance in the 1970s. In the distance, the endless fields have been replaced by a public housing estate.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 7 |  | <p>In the early 1950s, the school's main entrance had yet to be landscaped.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 8 |  | <p>In 2018, the frangipani trees planted by alumni on both sides of the school were flourishing.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 9 |  | <p>The school garden in March 2023 before the bulldozers arrived. The fruit trees appear more robust compared to those in Dr Lo Wai Yin's 2005 photos.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 10 |  | <p>The school garden in 2005.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Lo Wai Yin</p> |
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| 11 |  | <p>In 1999, there were four Chinese arborvitae trees on campus. Behind the trellis was a camel's foot tree, which was the students' favourite spot to climb and play.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Shirley Tse</p> |
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| 12 |  | <p>In March 2023, the four scrawny Chinese arborvitae trees had withered while the Chinese banyan tree remained as resilient as ever.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 13 |  | <p>In August 2023, Sara Tse returned to the school for the last time. All the trees in the garden had already been cut down.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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| 14 |  | <p>In the 1980s, the garden behind the music room was where the artist played hopscotch and 'What's the Time, Ms Fox?' with classmates during recess.</p> <p>Photo courtesy: Sara Tse</p> |
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In the 1960s, multiple soy sauce factories stood opposite the school. On the right side of the photo is the Law Sam Soy Factory; in the distance on the left is the factory building of Hong Kong's first wool knitting yarn manufacturer, which exported extensively to Taiwan, South Korea, Japan and Southeast Asia.

Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

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Photographed from above in 2025. Surrounded by buildings, the vacant lot was once a cherished school to many teachers and students.

Photo courtesy: Yeung Ying Wai

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Surrounded by vast fields, Kwai Chung Public School was under construction in 1950. Castle Peak Road had yet to be expanded.

Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

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After the storm and rain in 2019, a large tree lay uprooted outside the boys' and girls' restrooms on campus, surrounded by plants that had grown unchecked.

Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

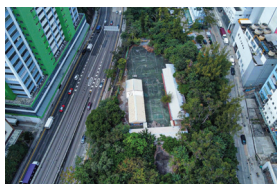
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In May 1955, Fung Suet Kwan began teaching physical education at the school. On the hill at the back is the Tsuen Wan Water Treatment Works, a structure that has remained unchanged since the 1950s.

Photo courtesy: son of Fung Suet Kwan

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Aerial view from above the school in 2022. The campus is embraced in greenery, resembling an urban oasis with factory buildings flanking both sides.

Photo courtesy: Cheung Choi Sang Samson

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The abandoned school playground in 2017. The badminton and basketball court markings were converted from track markings: the school performed well in inter-school athletics from the 1950s to the 1980s before excelling in badminton and basketball from the 1980s to the 1990s.

Photo courtesy: Fei Wong

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In this school relay race in the 1960s, the sports field was already marked with running lanes. On the left is Principal Lam Kok Wing, on the right is teacher Tang Wun Wah.

Photo courtesy: Sara Tse

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By 2025, the campus had been dismantled, leaving behind the levelled hill.

Photo courtesy: Shum Kim Ming
