

# The History of the Pancyprian Gymnasium

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# The beginning

- The school was built in 1812 by Archbishop Kyprianos.
- It was the first school that offered secondary education on the island.





# The affiliation between the Greeks and the Cypriots

- The school played an important role in the 1821 Greek revolution
- The location of the school helped in the organization and communication between the Cypriot members of Filiki Etairia





# The secret crypt

- Because of the circumstances, a storage room beneath the school's main entrance was converted into a crypt.
- In this place the members of the “Filiki Etaireia” swore their loyalty and their dedication to the battle





# Resilience and Renewal

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- After the persecutions of 1821 and the martyrdom of Archbishop Kyprianos, the School was disbanded and founded again in 1830 by Archbishop Panaretos
- The school restarted on December 12th, with classes ranging from 7th to 12th grade, rather than the previous 10th grade.



# The Greek-Turkish war and the aftermath

1897

- In 1897 the Greek -Turkish War broke out. A total of 15 students of the Pancyprian Gymnasium enlisted as volunteers in the Greek army.

25 Oct. 1920

- The school, during the administration of Spyridon Dukakis, burned down





# Before English occupation



**1949**

In 1949 the Severios Library was inaugurated after a donation by D. Severis



**1955**

In 1955 the liberation struggle against the British began and lasted 4 years

# During English occupation (1955-59)

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- On January 27, 1956, the historic battle of the Severios Library took place. Students clash with forces
- The English shut down the school. The "secret school" is revived



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# The school today

- Now the school prospers and is hosting the Music School of Nicosia and the STEAM program
- The school has its own museum with heirlooms that were found at the school such as notebooks and science and experiments tools








# The school today

- It has over 600 students and 70 teachers
- It has also been renovated and a new sector has been built



Thank you for  
your attention!

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