Proud day for school

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TWENTY might be just a number to many people but for Robert Townson High School in Raby it marks change.

Students and staff celebrated the school’s 20th anniversary on Friday, November 30.

School captain Courtney Bates said the day started with a formal assembly.

“This day shows pride in the school and our best asset from the years is probably our leadership programs we have,” she said.

Fellow captain Nathan Bass said the school’s mentoring programs and year 7 support were some of the benefits offered to students.

“We also have some great sport achievers,” Nathan said.

Former student and now teacher Zeina Iaali was among those joining the festivities on the day.

She said although the structure of the school was the same, there were increasingly better programs to help students.

“I came back to the school that set me off on my career path,” she said.

“There have been a lot of positive changes – at the school and in the wider area. It has more opportunities here now and the students seem more connected.”

The school is named after local pioneer Robert Townson (1763-1827) who established the nearby Varroville property.

He was a scholar, scientist and settler from Shropshire, England.

Remembering the past: Robert Townson High School captains Courtney Bates (back) and Nathan Bass joined classmates in celebrating their school’s 20th anniversary.

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