



COMMÉMORATING

THE CENTENARY OF
ANZAC

A CENTURY OF SERVICE
1914-2014



CENTENARY OF ANZAC – A CENTURY OF SERVICE

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Venue: The Gallery, Mallik Centre, The Hills Grammar School

The exhibition commemorates the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I (1914 – 1918) and a century plus of Australian Military Service including; acknowledgment of past Hills Grammarians who have served, and are still part of, the Australian Defence Force and acknowledgment of our current students who have shared their ancestors' stories.

INTRODUCTION

At the outbreak of the First World War, also known as The Great War, in August 1914, over 10,000 enlisted in Sydney alone, and by the end of the year thousands had signed up for war service. By October 1914 the first expeditionary force of 20,000, known as the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), was formed by volunteer enlistments. After a few weeks of training the troops left Australia in November 1914 to the uncertainty of a war on the other side of the world.

They became known as the ANZACs – the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

The landing at Gallipoli was quickly interpreted as a nation-building event for the young Commonwealth of Australia. Australian soldiers had stepped on to the world stage and, over a long and testing campaign had shown themselves capable of endurance and of overcoming great loss.

What happened at Gallipoli mattered very much to those who had served there. For years since, they have gathered in their units on Anzac Day to remember. What happened at Gallipoli still matters to an ever increasing number of the Australian population, who now turn out for Anzac Day, both in Australia and at Gallipoli.

The Anzac poet Lester Lawrence;

Some flower that blooms beside the Southern foam

May blossom where our dead Australians lie,

And comfort them with whispers of their home:

And they will dream beneath the alien sky

Of the Pacific Sea.

Boer War 1899-1902	WWI 1914-1918	WWII 1939-1945	Korea 1950-1953
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Throughout the last 100 years the Australian Defence Forces have fought bravely, gallantly with discipline, they have provided humanitarian peace keeping missions, and given the ultimate.

C.E.W. Bean, Official History of Australia in the War 1914-1918, Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1942.

“What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great-hearted men; and, for their nation, a possession forever”

EXHIBITION CONTENT

This exhibition offers a snapshot of all wars in which Australia has been involved. From a country that once fought as part of the British Empire - to a Nation that determines its own destiny.

It profiles past students of The Hills Grammar School who have served in war zones and as peacekeepers.

It acknowledges the Hills Grammar School community and their connection with the Australian Defence Forces.

It tells the stories of three current students' ancestors who fought in the Great War

It enhances enquiry based learning by providing a brief look into our war history through an exhibition

Vietnam 1962-1975	Timor 1999-2012	Iraq 2003-2009	Afghanistan 2002-2013
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