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STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

LOOKING BACKWARD TO 1892

The School Captain in 1892 was Agnes (Nessie) Hore. She had been a student when the College was in Ashfield; indeed, the Archives holds her timetable dated July 1888. Nessie was present in 1892 when the flagpole was installed and opened. The photograph from the event shows Dr Marden with a large group of students, teachers and probably other friends of the College standing in front of a very substantial flagpole, with the Stables in the background.

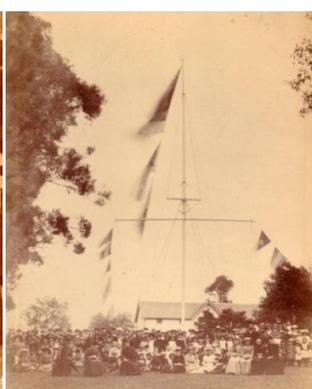
The flagpole was a present to the College from the Principal, Dr John Marden, in appreciation for the kindness shown by the College Council in granting him leave of absence earlier in the year to go to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) for a holiday and to attend a church conference.

In 1892 College Hall, the Dining Room and the Boarding House were all new, having been opened the previous year by the Governor of NSW and his wife, the Countess of Jersey. The significant capital expenditure meant that the College Council and the Principal were keeping a careful eye on the outgoings. In January Dr Marden had offered to reduce his salary by £100, but the Council refused.

The *Aurora Australis* did not begin publication until December 1893, so our knowledge of many events in 1892 remains unknown. However, the economic Depression of the 1890s was affecting all the Australian colonies (Federation was still nearly a decade away). The Utopian Socialist William Lane founded the New Australia Movement in 1892, the miners at Broken Hill mounted a strike that lasted 16 weeks, John Simpson Kirkpatrick, who gained fame as “the man with the donkey” in World War I, was born and the Australian Cricket Council announced an intercolonial cricket competition to be called the Sheffield Shield.



1892 Staff with Dr Marden



1892 Opening of the flagpole
Donated by Agnes Seaward (née Hore)
student 1888-1893



1892 Students in the Sunken Lawn