



## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

### ANZAC DAY 1917

A century ago PLC Sydney students marked Anzac Day. This was possibly the first time the College formally recalled the landing at Gallipoli in 1915 and the subsequent retreat later that same year. At any rate, it is the first time the proceedings of the day were recorded in the *Aurora Australis*:

“Anzac Day, with its mingled grief and glory, was duly celebrated in the College Hall on April 25, when we assembled at a short devotional service in remembrance of the honoured brave.

By means of an outline of Gallipoli Peninsula drawn on the board, the Principal made clear the position of the memorable landing, and proceeded to say that we honoured the Spartans of old, and again those at Marathon, and now a spot not so very far distant from those historic scenes will also live for ever in the annals of the world. So far as apparent results went, the expedition was a failure – 25,000 lives sacrificed (as many men as are contained in the whole of the Western Suburbs), not to speak of casualties. Yet in the years to come we would find one name on the scroll of fame – ANZAC. Sir Gilbert Murray, the great scholar, had said that. . . our thought regarding this sorrowful, glorious day [should be that] they gave their lives for us.”

A century on, we still remember the ANZACS, those from World War I and those from the many conflicts that have followed. Lest we forget.