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STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

A recent acquisition: a 1942 sports blazer

The Archives recently received a sports blazer that belonged to a student who attended PLC Sydney from 1937 to 1942.

Jean Loutit was one of a quartet of sisters who attended our College in the late 1930s and early 1940s. They were all day students from Vacluse. Jean, born in 1925, was enrolled here when she was 12 years of age.

She would have participated in the *Under This Gum Tree* pageant that marked the College's 50th anniversary in 1938 and she



*1942 Senior "A" Tennis Team
 Jean Loutit is on the right, wearing the sports blazer now in the College Archives*



The sports blazer that belonged to Jean Loutit, student 1937-1942

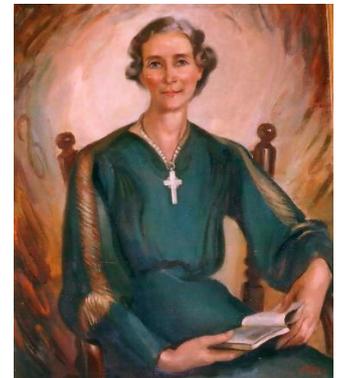
would have farewelled the Croydon campus in May 1942 when the RAAF set up a radar unit here and the College temporarily relocated to Strathfield for the rest of World War II. Jean would have known two Principals: Miss Hamilton and Dr Wilkie.



*Miss Mary Hamilton,
 Principal 1932-1941*



*Under This Gum Tree,
 the pageant that marked the College's Jubilee in 1938*



*Dr Isabella Wilkie,
 Principal 1942-1945*

Jean was a good student and a School Prefect but she was also quite a sportswoman. She was a member of the Senior "A" Netball Team for three years and a member of the "Senior "A" Tennis Team for two years. She was Captain of the Netball Committee and Vice-Captain of the Tennis Committee. In Junior School Jean was captain of Thompson House and in Senior School Captain of Ferguson House. She received two Bronze Medallions.



*1942 Senior "A" Netball Team
Jean Loutit, Captain, is seated in the middle*



*Prefects 1942
Jean Loutit is in the front row, first on the left*



During the 1920s, 1930s and into the 1940s the College sports blazer was white wool with red trim around the lapels, pockets and cuffs. The Archives is fortunate to have seven examples of this blazer, spanning the years from 1920 to 1942. Sadly, both because of their age and because of being white in colour and hence difficult to keep clean and easily prone to staining, all of them are in poor or fair condition.

After leaving PLC Sydney Jean went to the University of Sydney where she studied social work. She married an engineer, Donald Armstrong and had three daughters before moving to Queensland. Jean passed away earlier in 2018 and the Archives gratefully acknowledges the donation of the sports blazer from her daughter Anne.

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