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An ANZAC tradition

In 2003 the PLC Sydney Pipes & Drums was established. Mrs Maureen Doyle was the first Pipe Band Co-ordinator and Georgina Wilcox, Kate Bombell, Kate Brittain and Katheryne Baretas were her first "guinea pigs". Learning how to play the bagpipes is notoriously difficult, but in 2004 the Pipes & Drums performed at Speech Day.

Since then the Pipes & Drums, which now numbers more than 60 players (divided into Junior and Senior bands), has performed not only for a variety of school functions, but also in Albury, Melbourne, Perth, Scotland, and China. In 2008 they participated for the first time in the ANZAC Day March in Sydney's CBD, a performance that has been repeated almost every year until 2019.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no ANZAC Day March in the city and, while the March will be held this year, some COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, including only a limited number of bands. Consequently, our Pipes & Drums will, along with the Wind Ensemble, be taking part in the ANZAC Day service to be held on Drummond Field this Sunday at 9.00 am.



PLC Sydney Pipes & Drums taking part in their first ANZAC Day March in Sydney's CBD, 2008

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