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## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

### Burying the time capsule in 1988

The College's centennial year was punctuated by a number of special events: the specially-commissioned steam train that carried students, staff, families, and the Governor of NSW from Central station to Croydon station for Jersey Day, the launching of the College's official history *The Golden Hope*, a parade in Ashfield, the specially-made period uniforms students wore at particular events throughout the year, and the Thanksgiving Service held at Sydney Town Hall.

These events gave wonderful memories to those present in 1988, but the one that continues to spark interest is the time capsule that was dedicated and buried beneath the Sundial.



*Burying the time capsule,  
17 October 1988.*

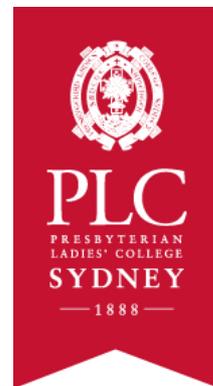
Great care was taken in selecting, preparing, and wrapping the items to be buried to ensure that they would be intact when the capsule is opened in 2088. According to the program, Rev. Peter Hastie of Ashfield Presbyterian Church (later Chairman of College Council 2005-2011) dedicated the time capsule, while the "placement of time capsule" was enacted by Justine McGill, the 1988 School Captain, and Velysia Quek, the 1988 Junior School Captain. The ceremony was followed by lunch in the grounds from stalls organised by the Parents and Friends' Association.



*Captains Velysia Quek and Justine McGill, just after the time capsule was buried.*

We are naturally curious about the time capsule because although we have a list of what was packed into it, we do not know what all the items looked like. The list of contents is long, but included

examples of student work from a range of subjects and year groups, a list of all students enrolled in 1988, a photograph of the entire student body in 1988, school badges, a blazer pocket, a beret, copies of the *Aurora Australis* and *The Golden Hope*, and even a set of current coins, a calculator and a pencil case!



*The time capsule before it was covered by earth.*

The time capsule was lowered into the earth on Monday 17 October 1988 and is to be dug up and opened in 100 years, on Sunday 17 October 2088. Some of our current Evandale students may well be present at that event!

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