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Jersey Day FAQs

What is Jersey Day?

It is a day for ex-students to reunite at the College.

When is Jersey Day?

Jersey Day is held each year in March.

Where is Jersey Day?

It is held at the College.

Why is it called Jersey Day?

Jersey Day is named after Countess of Jersey, whose husband, the Earl of Jersey and the Governor of New South Wales, opened the new College buildings on Tuesday 10 March 1891. The “new” buildings were the Boarding House, College Hall and the Dining Room.



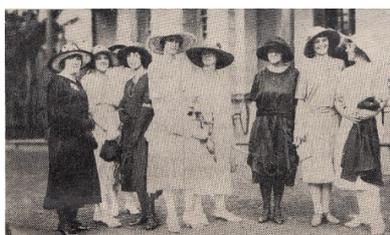
Countess of Jersey

It was unusual for women to speak in public at that time, but it is the words spoken by the Countess of Jersey on that day that we continue to cherish:

When I was a child I was shown a slip of paper on which was printed: ‘to gain knowledge for the mere sake of possessing it is selfishness; to gain knowledge for the mere love of displaying it is vanity; but to gain knowledge for the sake of being useful to others is true Christian charity.’

When was the first Jersey Day?

The first Jersey Day was held on 10 March 1894, and every year since then, ex-students, young and old, have revisited the College on that day. During the war years, when the College was temporarily relocated, reunions were held at “Wellbank” and “Laureston” in Strathfield.



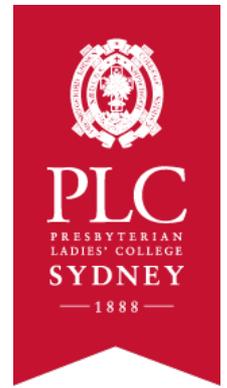
Jersey Day 1922



Jersey Day 2019



Jersey Day 1948



Who can come to Jersey Day?

Any ex-student may come to Jersey Day.

What happens on Jersey Day?

There are class reunions, a special assembly in College Hall, the AGM of the Ex-Students' Union, an art exhibition in the Adelaide Perry Gallery, an Archives exhibition in the Marden Heritage Centre, tours of the College, a performance by the Pipes and Drums, afternoon tea – and a lot of “catching up” among old friends and classmates!



Meeting friends in the gardens, Jersey Day 2019



Mrs Gwen Bosler, Patron of the Ex-Students' Union, in Marden Heritage Centre, Jersey Day 2019



Looking at photos at a class reunion, Jersey Day 2019



Assembly in College Hall, Jersey Day 2019

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