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LADIES' COLLEGE
SYDNEY
— 1888 —

AN ARCHIVAL MOMENT:

PLC in the “Roaring 1920s”

The 1920s was a time of material prosperity, especially for non-Indigenous Australians. More women began to work outside the home and had greater access to further education. Shorter skirts and bobbed hair reflected these new freedoms.

Qantas Airways was established in 1920, jazz became a popular form of music, people liked to dance the Charleston, and “talking” films started near the end of the decade.

At PLC Sydney:

Principal:

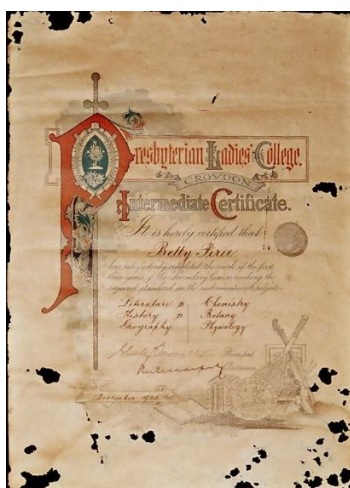
- Dr E. Neil McQueen, 1920-1929

Enrolment:

- 1921 – 244; 1929 – 143

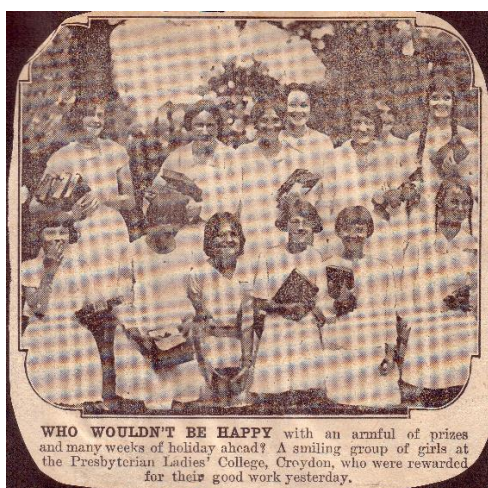
Key events:

- Introduction of the College’s own school certificate
- Introduction of a school camp
- Introduction of a modified form of the Dalton Plan, which encouraged independent and multi-disciplinary study.



Dr McQueen introduced PLC’s own Intermediate Certificate.

This one was awarded to Betty Pirie, who became Betty Drummond Field and is remembered by Drummond Field.



Prize winners at Speech Day, 1920s.



A student drawing from the *Aurora Australis*, December 1922



Other images of PLC Sydney in the 1920s:



Boards dressed for a "Fun Night" skit, 1925



Hurdles at an Athletics Carnival, 1920s



The school camp at Mittagong, 1926



An excursion to the Central Police Court, 1928