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STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Three generations linked to the Great Barrier Reef Shell

One of the treasures held in the College Archives is a shell brought back from the Great Barrier Reef in 1931. The shell is personalised with the signatures of those who went on the trip. Twenty pupils and two chaperones made the excursion, the first organised school group to do so.

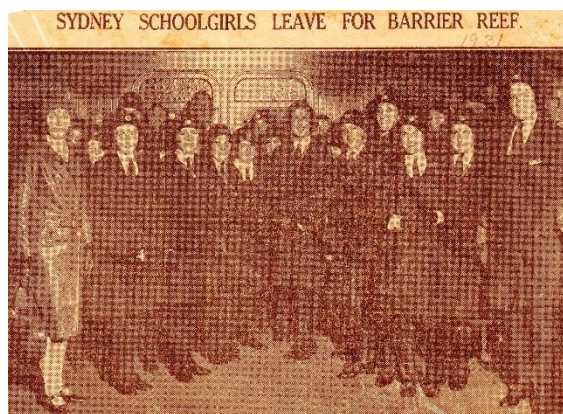
Esme Pulsford was a member of the group. She was 16 at the time and became School Captain in 1933. It was quite a treat to have three generations of the Pulsford family visit the Archives display on Open Day 2021 and see the shell on display.



Left to right: Gillian Giles (granddaughter of Esme Pulsford), Tricia Waters (daughter of Esma Pulsford), and Elena Giles (Year 9 student and great granddaughter of Esme Pulsford)



*The Great Barrier Reef shell
Esme Pulsford's signature is at the lower left*



Newspaper photo of the group at Central Station