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## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

### Who is the Pickard of Pickard House?

Miss Marion Pickard was one of the first members of the teaching staff of the College: she taught modern languages and ancient and modern history when PLC Sydney opened its doors in Ashfield in 1888.

From 1894 until her resignation at the end of 1907 Miss Pickard was the Lady Superintendent. In this role she increased her responsibilities to include organising “Fun Nights” at the end of each term by translating and adapting plays, directing them and even acting in them. She held various offices in the Tennis Club, participated in the Boating Club by venturing out on the Parramatta River, and generally was involved in most areas of College life.



*Miss Marion Pickard*

She was elected the first President of the Ex-Students' Union in 1906, a position she held until she left the College in 1907.

Miss Pickard died in 1936. Pickard House was named in her honour in 1995.

Here are some images of Miss Pickard and of PLC Sydney during the time she was a member of staff.



*Fernlea, PLC Sydney's first home  
Ashfield 1888-1891*



*Student group in front of the  
Main School, Croydon, c1898*



*Shubra Hall and the Main School,  
c1900-1907, J.W. Beattie photographer*



*A group of students on the verandah in front of the Dining Room, 1902*



*Miss Pickard would have taught in a classroom like this, 1905*



*The staff, 1907  
Miss Pickard is seated in the middle  
Dr Marden is standing at the rear*



*Miss Marion Pickard*



*This illuminated address of appreciation was  
presented to Miss Pickard when she left PLC Sydney in  
1907*

Sources:  
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