

ANZAC DAY

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After much planning and co-ordination, the following were supported by SJC students:

- The Dawn Service at Henderson Park: The SJC College Captains Zachary Hickey, Caitlin Torpey, and Vice-Captains Nathaniel Erlandsen and Airlie Arnold read the names of those servicemen who died in the Sunraysia area while engaged in pilot training for the Australian armed services during World War II. This accompanied the photos of the fallen as they were projected onto screens for the large crowd assembled at the early morning service.
- The War Graves Service was conducted at 8.30am at the Nichols Point Cemetery in the special section devoted to the graves of those who died in Sunraysia from aircraft training accidents and whose names were read at the Dawn Service. In a moving service to remember these men, College leaders and fellow students stood behind each grave and placed posies of flowers on the graves to acknowledge the sacrifices of the airmen.
- The ANZAC Day March and Commemorative Service took place at Henderson Park at 11.30am. Again, the College Captains and Vice-Captains were present to lay a wreath on behalf of the College community to show our respect for all who had given their lives in service to others in conflicts as representatives of our country.

The College is exceedingly proud of our students and the student leaders who so generously attended the RSL services on ANZAC Day. We acknowledge the commitment of the RSL to supporting the families of those who have been affected by wars and conflict situations as servicemen and servicewomen. St Joseph's College will continue to build the relationship with the RSL and we wish to thank all parents, staff and students who were present to support these three services on ANZAC Day.

We also wish to thank Mr Dan Macfarlane who attended the College's ANZAC Day service on Wednesday April 24. Mr Macfarlane is from the RSL and has special responsibilities at the RAAF Memorial and Museum Mildura. Mr Macfarlane helped the students to appreciate the significance of the RAAF training base in Mildura during World War II. It was the largest training base in Australia at that time. It was, unfortunately, also the place where 57 young men died during training exercises for pilots preparing for war duties.

Lest we forget.