

Ainslie School Days: Memories of Generations of Ainslie School Students 1927-2017

Invitation to participate

To celebrate the School's 90th year, present students are conducting oral history interviews and collecting memories from former students and teachers. We would be delighted if you would like to participate.

What do you remember of your years at Ainslie School?

I have a great many strong memories. One is the magnificent mural in the library that I always adored. I felt I could spend my life in that library, the walls of books, the mural... It opened the whole world of libraries and books.

Lenore Coltheart, student 1942 – 1956

Selections from written and audio memories, as well as photographs, will be presented on a special school memories website. Complete audio recordings, written memories, and any photographs taken of you for the project will be kept in the school archive.

Two ways that you can be involved:

1. Written memories

Can be snippets or longer stories. Here are some ideas

- First day at school
- Strongest memories (touching, funny, important)
- Routines, discipline
- School buildings, class room arrangements
- Special occasions
- Important events in Canberra and the wider world that had an impact on you
- Things you got up to
- Favourite activities
- Getting to school, local landmarks
- Sense memories of school days - sight, sound, taste, smell, touch
- Changes in schooling and Canberra
- **Please include the years you attended (eg 1965-1970)**

2. Oral history interviews

Student interviewers will work with oral historian Mary Hutchison and sound designer, Kimmo Vennonen to conduct oral history interviews during the Heritage Festival in 2017. A small number of pilot interviews will take place on Speech Day 2016. If you would like to be interviewed or have suggestions for interviewees please let us know.

Permission to use memories and oral recordings

Your permission is required for use of the material you contribute. We would also like to collect a few biographical details which will assist in the future use and management of your material. If you are contributing written memories, please use the enclosed form which includes requested biographical details.

Sending your memories

- Send electronically to: Kate.Chapman@ed.act.edu.au or mary.hutchison@anu.edu.au
- Send hard copy (hand written or typed) by post to Kate Chapman - Ainslie School, Donaldson Street Braddon ACT 2612
- Please also complete and send the attached permission form when sending your memory documents

For further information, please contact

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