

The Official Opening

Although Sackville Street began operating in 1977 (with 139 children from Kinder to Year 3) it wasn't until the 18th October 1980 that the school was officially opened. The ceremony was conducted by Mr H.C. Mallam M.P. (Member for Campbelltown). The Principal at that time was Mr J.R. Hamilton. The program included choral and instrumental items by students, an address by Ald. G.K. Fetterplace (Mayor of Campbelltown), remarks by Miss E. Guthrie (Director of Education for Liverpool) and a presentation of the School Pledge and the School Song. Among those in attendance were several current and recent members of staff, including Mr Heeney, Miss Leal (Mrs Mutton), Miss Murphy (Mrs Urquhart) and Mrs Bonney.

The following statement was printed on the Official Program:

The school buildings merge harmoniously into the remnants of natural forest that give character to the school site. The blending bushland, enhanced by plantings of many native shrubs and saplings, serves as a constant reminder of the firm commitment to environmental education that is shared by our parents, teachers and children. Similarly, the founding of all of the other major aspects of the school policy has been a joint enterprise of parents and teachers. The continuing development of school-community interaction is one of the school's chief aims. Further descriptions of the school's style and expressions of its aspirations are contained in the School Pledge and the School Song.

School Pledge

This is our school;
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of happiness;
Let love abide here;
Love of God, love of one another
And love of life itself.
Let us remember that,
As many hands make a house,
So many hearts make a school.

School Song

In our school
We do our best
To learn all we can
And so we sing.
We will try to make it
And keep it a happy place.
Learn to live
And learn to play
And learn to care for everything.

The School Pledge and the School Song were written by one of the original teachers, Mr Tony Fisher, with the help of students from Y6

First Staff Photo



Top Left to Bottom Right:

Bruce Robinson
Peggy Marshall
Jean Grieve
Jenny Bonney
Rod Peterson

Anne Harper
Ruth Seeney
Yvonne Lynch
John Pankhurst
Sally Dawkins
Libby Cullen
Barbara Rafferty.

School Emblems



Sackville Street Public School's motto is Sharing and Caring. The tradition of referring to this phrase as a reminder of how to behave has been carried through to the present day.

The School Crest was designed by Student Counsellor Samantha Rittson. It contains three elements that are significant to the history of the school and its community. The tree reminds us of the school's bushland setting and its commitment to environmental education. The angled structure represents the unusual architecture of the school (which has, over the years, drawn the attention of school planners from far and wide). The railway tracks are in recognition of Ingleburn's early development as a water stop along the main southern line.

The school colours of maroon and blue have been featured in many aspects of school life, including awards, newsletters and, most importantly, our school uniform, which, despite some minor updates over the years, continues to be worn with pride.

Former Principals



John
Pankhurst

1977 ~ 1979



John Hamilton

1980 ~ 1981



Ted Dutton

1982 ~ 1985



Fred Lake

1986 ~ 1998



John Salt

1999 ~ 2003

Recent Principals



Wayne Koboroff

2004 ~ 2007



Neil Robertson

2007 ~ 2013

25th Anniversary (2002)

The year 2002 saw a number of special events and programs marking our 25th Anniversary. The highlights included Special Assemblies, an Open Day and the Spectacular Concert. The school community also took the opportunity to beautify the school grounds.

Two Special Assemblies were held. At the first, the original Principal Mr Pankhurst addressed the school, reflecting on a quarter of a century of change. Every student received a Commemorative Medallion, and the local press covered the event in detail. At the second Special Assembly, former Principal Mr Lake addressed the Primary Dept, reminding everyone that "Sackville Street is the best school in NSW".

On Saturday 21st of September, hundreds of school community members past and present visited Sackville Street for a special Open Day. Memorabilia was set in the School Hall, classrooms were open for inspection, and a hearty lunch was provided by parent helpers. Many former pupils and staff members enjoyed catching up with each other on the day. For weeks before the Open Day, staff and students had been busy preparing special displays of artwork to make the Hall look its best.

