



Willow Grove Primary School
2520
(Formerly Latrobe River State School &
Willow Grove State School)
1883-2023



Our ANZACS



We pay our respects to those that have served.

*Paid the ultimate sacrifice

Boer War (1899-1902)

Burton
Burton
Burton
John William Fechner
Gustave Henry Fechner
Charles Albert Fechner
Leibenchelle

World War One (1914-1918)

Arthur David Abbott
Frank Newton Burton
C. Dodemaide
W. Dodemaide
William Robert Fowler
Robert Murdoch Finlayson Hooper*
Robert Angus Irvine
William (Thomas William) Irvine
Frederick Harold Lamont
T. Lamont
Robert Alexander McColl*
Hector McLaren*
George William Needham*
George Purchase Needham*
George Thomas Needham
Henry Francis Needham*
Herbert Thomas Needham
R. Robins
Stanley Alston Robins
Sydney Henry Victor Robins
John Charles Turnbull*
Matthew David Turnbull*

World War Two (1939-1945)

C. Brittain
Joyce Brittain
Hazel Cross
Ed Jones
E. Jones
T.G. Jones
W.H. Jones
Wallace Jensen
A Leckey
R Leckey
A.G. Needham
E. Redman
Elsie May Riley
Sydney Henry Victor Robins
C.E. Williams
E.R. Williams

Vietnam War (1955-1975)

P. Erbs
R. Lamont
O. McPherson
T. Williams

Iraq

K. Cochrane

East Timor

M. Bridgman



Arthur David Abbott- Head Teacher

Arthur D. Abbott was Head Teacher at Willow Grove State School from 1 January 1913 to 1916, when he enlisted.

He was the son of James and Mary Jane Abbott of Port Melbourne.

He was 28 years old when he enlisted on the 26th of April 1916.

Private 2127, A.D. Abbott, departed Melbourne on the 16th of August 1916 on the RMS Orontes. He was headed for Europe. He disembarked firstly at Plymouth, England.

On the 12th of February 1917 he was deployed to France with the 46th Battalion.

On the 8th of July 1918 he received a gunshot wound to the back and left shoulder. He was initially treated at the 6 General Hospital in Rouen, France, before being immobilised to Beaufort War Hospital in Bristol, U.K.

Private Abbott was returned to Australia aboard the "Shropshire", arriving back in Melbourne on the 16th of May 1919.

He was discharged on the 23rd of June 1919, medically unfit.

After teaching elsewhere after his return, from the 1st of January 1920, he was again head teacher at Willow Grove State School. He continued at Willow Grove until he transferred in 1928.



S.H.V. Robins
 W. Irvine, R.A. Irvine
 & W.J. Fechner
 W. R. Fowler
 T.W. Irvine
 F.N. Burton
 G.P. Needham
 H.T. Needham
 H. McLaren
 R.M.F. Hooper
 W. Jensen

