



## Christ Church Grammar School recreates historic banner for 44th Battalion AIF

Christ Church Grammar School is recreating a historic banner for the 44th Battalion AIF to commemorate the local Perth unit's sacrifices and bravery during World War I.

The Battalion's original banner was created by the citizens of Claremont in 1916 and presented to the men before their deployment.

Recognising the Battalion and Christ Church's significant connection to the Town of Claremont, the recreated banner is a fitting tribute to the local unit.

Luca Muir Anderson, whose great-grandfather John Mckee served with the 44th Battalion AIF, will carry the banner and represent the Battalion in the upcoming Anzac Day march through Perth City.

Luca's motivation was to create a banner that will serve as a symbol of remembrance for the brave men of the Battalion and their invaluable contribution to our nation's history.

"Considering their significant sacrifices, including 437 lives lost, it's crucial to honour their memory," he said.

"I'm thrilled Christ Church is taking part in this meaningful project."

Christ Church Grammar School Principal Alan Jones said the School was proud to be a part of this commemorative endeavour.

"As we approach the 108th anniversary of the Battalion's inception, we are honoured to present the recreated banner, ensuring the men who demonstrated amazing bravery are never forgotten."

A Not-For-Profit is currently being established in honour of the Battalion with the aim to document the stories of the thousands of soldiers who served. Over \$23,000 has already been raised for the memorial's projects.

The [original banner](#) is currently housed in the WA Museum's Archives with the Battalion's [regimental colours](#) on display in the 'Colours display - Traditions Gallery' at the Australian Army Museum Western Australia.

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