
Stained Glass Window at Corio Geelong Grammar School All Saints' Anglican Chapel



Corio Geelong Grammar
School Chapel Christian
Apollo

Location

Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn
Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Waller, Mervyn Napier,

Hermes Number

196765

Property Number

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B883, QX6069; James Affleck, *Geelong Grammarians at World War Two*, The Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated, Corio, 2002; Weston Bate, *Light Blue Down Under: the history of Geelong Grammar School*, Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 1990, opp. p.226; *The Corian*, August 1941.

Memorial Window Subject

Pilgrim's Progress

Memorial Window Text

LH Faithful delivered from Moses

RH Christian overcomes Apollyon

Memorial Window Inscription

AMDG In loving memory of Lieut. Charles C. Kelly AIF Killed in action Syria 8th June 1941 son of Maude and Charles Cornelius Kelly

Memorial Window Description & History

Headmater, Dr. Francis Brown's original 1918 plan of window subjects for the chapel followed the theme of 'All Saints' in which fictional and legendary subjects found no place, although later in the 1920s she accepted *Sir Galahad* and *St. Nicholas* as suitable subjects for the vestries. This line was relaxed further during the second stage of the building under James Darling's term as Headmaster (1930-1961), and this example from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* was acceptable. Mervyn Napier Waller created a dynamic composition that symbolised 'steadfastness and devotion to purpose', in a reference to the best attributes of Australian soldiery. The gift of Lieutenant Kelly's mother, the window was unveiled by Brigadier WWS Johnston and dedicated by the School Chaplain on Sunday 10 October 1943.

Charles Cornelius Kelly was born at Longreach Q. on 7 October 1919. He was among the reinforcements for the 2/12 Battalion that embarked on the *Dominion Monarch* on 15 June 1940, bound for England. From March 1941 Lieutenant Kelly was in the Middle East with 2/31 Battalion and leading his platoon when he was killed in action in Syria on 8 June 1941, the first day of the battle. Eight men of the platoon did not survive the heavy fire and a decision was made to abandon daylight warfare. Lieutenant Kelly was buried near Qlaar but later re-buried on 11 September in the Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery, Syria.

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