





INVICTUS GAMES 2018 AMBASSADORS Copyright Thomas Hassall Anglican College. All Rights Reserved. 125 Kingsford Smith Ave, Middleton Grange NSW 2171 Today we welcomed a special guest at the P-6 Assembly

Mr Andrew Wilkinson joined the Junior School Assembly today to talk about his recent experiences competing in the Invictus Games held in Sydney.

Andrew and his wife Brianne have 3 children at the College and we were privileged to have him recount his experiences, both in military service as a sailor in the Royal Australian Navy, and now as an elite athlete, having been medically discharged from the Navy following an injury incurred in his military service.

His performances at these games were exemplary. Mr Wilkinson won 4 gold and 3 silver medals, competing in both Swimming & Cycling.

During the assembly Mr Wilkinson presented a limited edition Great War Bear to the College, called AB Miller. AB Miller stands for Able Seaman, Andy Miller who was a sailor in World War 1 on board HMAS Australia. AB Miller will be placed in the library and we will learn more of his story. Every bear supports children's learning and engagement in Centenary-linked lessons and school commemorative events, as well as supports the work of local charities helping veterans and families. Team Australia are ambassadors of the program and there are 72 athletes and 44 officials who will donate bears to a school of their choice. We feel very privileged that Mr Wilkinson chose Thomas Hassall Anglican College as his school of choice. This was a particularly special honour to receive AB Miller as we remember 100 years since the declaration of the end of the Great War.

You can click this link if you wish to find about more about the program <u>https://anzacbears.com.au/invictus-games-2018-ambassadors/</u>