

The U3A / Downside SLP works to conserve an important memorial



*The photographic memorial to boys of the school who died during WW1 and WW2
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The U3A Downside Shared Learning Project is using our U3A volunteers to contribute to another important project at the School. We are helping to conserve the **photographic memorial of more than 200 boys killed in service during the First and Second World Wars.** *See the photo above.*

All of these original photographs were given by the families of the boys who were killed. The photographs are currently in their original frames and are arranged on walls in a corridor within the school. However, during a tour of the school by our volunteers, it was noticed that their location opposite large windows was having a detrimental effect on the integrity of the photos and some significant deterioration was evident.

It was felt that the conservation of these photos was of paramount importance, and so the plan is to remove the original photos from their frames, and then to scan each one to produce a high quality digital image of each one. Then, the replacement digital image will be displayed as before, but the original photos will be stored in an archive for safe keeping.

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