



Alanna (Conlon) Nobbs AM '61

Alanna attended Kambala from 1950 to 1961. She remembers having superb teachers throughout her schooling. Their skill and dedication led to her success in the Leaving Certificate where she topped the state in Latin, Biology, Modern History and overall. She has always been grateful not only for the quality of teaching, but also for the school friends, many of whom she remains in contact with, fifty-five years after leaving Kambala.

She continued with Latin and History at the University of Sydney, and also studied Classical Greek before going on to post-graduate studies. After this she travelled to the University of London for doctoral studies. Following her PhD, she taught and researched in Classical Languages, Ancient History and the History of Early Christianity at Macquarie University, for forty-seven years. She is now Professor of Ancient History though soon due to 'retire' in some sense. She was made a member of the Order of Australia for services to this area in the community.

In 1987, Alanna wrote *Kambala: The First Hundred Years, 1887-1987* "A fitting souvenir of Kambala's centenary year, this book presents an account of the development of the school, the people who shaped it and those who were shaped by it."

Alanna has served (and still does) on numerous state and national educational boards. She is involved also in tertiary Christian education, the grounds of this having been laid at Kambala through the example of service set by several teachers, in particular Miss Fifi Hawthorne. She belongs to many organisations among which is Australasian Women in Ancient World Studies.

She and her husband have, between them, five children and thirteen grandchildren.