



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

**NAME OF
COLLECTION**

Australian College of Dentistry

ACCESSION NO

105/74

CATEGORY

University, official

ACTIVITY

Educational institutions

DATE RANGE

1897 – 1967

**SIZE OF
COLLECTION**

3.1 linear metres [13 archive boxes; 12 volumes; 21 Oversize photographs and ephemeral items]

<p>HISTORICAL NOTE</p>	<p>The Australian College of Dentistry was established in 1897 following the unanimous vote of a meeting of Melbourne dentists. The business of the meeting, held on 10th June 1897, was to discuss the question of education and training in the profession. “The College was opened on the 4th July 1897 for the purpose of providing instruction and training in the art, science and practice of dentistry”¹.</p> <p>The College was administered a Council, elected by members, and was incorporated in May 1903 under the provisions of the <i>Victorian Companies Act</i>, 1890 as a company limited by guarantee. It is worth noting that the members of the College Council were generally also members of the Council of the Dental Hospital. Records provide evidence of joint meetings of the Councils of both bodies as well as special meetings of each of the councils. This practice continued up to the mid to late 1920s when the two Councils commenced holding separate Council meetings. Various reasons for this have been put forward. The main reason appears to have been a requirement under the Hospitals and Charities Act for the hospital to be clearly seen as an independent entity.</p> <p>Initially the College occupied premises at 239 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne², which it shared with the Dental Hospital, opposite the then Melbourne Hospital. The next location was 189a-191 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne³ which the College again shared with the Dental Hospital.</p> <p>From the beginning, members of the dental profession provided instruction to students of the college. The College issued a Diploma of M.A.C.D. (Member of the Australian College of Dentistry) to students who had satisfactorily completed a course of two years study following an apprenticeship to a practitioner. Later the Dental Board of Victoria issued a diploma of L.D.S. (Licentiate of Dental Surgery) on completion of four years of study at the College.</p> <p>In October 1904 the Council of the University of Melbourne, following discussions with the College and the Dental Board of Victoria enacted Statute XXVI⁴ which set out the arrangements for the College to be affiliated with the University. The arrangement included provision for the University to award a formal qualification, the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery.⁵</p> <p>This same Statute set out arrangements for the Dental Hospital to provide for the conduct of portions of the curriculum for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery.</p>
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¹ *Victorian Year Book 1916-17*, p 516.

² *The Victoria (Wise's) Post Office Commercial Directory 1897-98*. H. Wise & Co, Melbourne, 1898, p 47.

³ *Sands and McDougall's Melbourne, Suburban and Country Directory for 1905*. Sands and McDougall, South Melbourne 1905, p 52.

⁴ 'Statute XXVI – The Australian College of Dentistry', *University of Melbourne Calender 1906*, p 210.

⁵ 'Regulation XVI(a)', *University of Melbourne Calender 1905*, p 250.

Part of the arrangement with the University was that the College would pay fees to the University which in turn would provide teaching staff to the college. At the same time the College employed its own staff who had been approved by the University. In general this arrangement continued until the end of 1962. In August 1962 the University received a request from the College for all the existing staff of the College to be taken over by the University before the new Dental Hospital in Grattan Street Parkville was opened.⁶ The new building opened in 1963. The Council of the University agreed to this request in November 1962, with the transfer of staff to be effective as at 1 January 1963.⁷

The University of Melbourne established the Faculty of Dentistry, later Dental Science, in 1904.⁸ The faculty governed the curriculum for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery. Under the terms of affiliation the College was authorised to carry out the curriculum laid down by the faculty.⁹

In 1907 the College moved to new premises on the corner of 193 Spring Street at the corner with Little Bourke Street, Melbourne. The College owned this building and space was provided in which the Dental Hospital of Melbourne maintained and conducted the dental hospital facility.

To improve the teaching of metallography and to enable research work into dental materials the College set up a laboratory in 1934. With consultant advice from the Professor of Metallurgy at the University of Melbourne success was immediate. Up until 1939 funding was provided by the College and the dental profession. In 1939 agreement was reached with the dental faculties of interstate universities and the National Health and Medical Research Council for provision of funding. The name of the laboratory was changed to the Metallographic Research Laboratory. In 1943 the name Materials Research Laboratory was adopted. In 1947 the laboratory became incorporated in the Dental Standards Laboratory of the Commonwealth Bureau of Dental Standards.¹⁰ Prior to 1934 research work had been undertaken in the metallography laboratory in the Faculty of Engineering.

Following the transfer of College staff to the university, the College remained in existence until 1967 whilst its remaining affairs were wound up and assets disposed of. The Minutes of the Council of the University note that in July 1963 correspondence was received from the Council of the College stating that "all equipment which is at present the property of the College to be transferred to the University".¹¹ The minutes of the final meeting of the Council of the College record "Disposition of records, minutes, etc... It was agreed that these should be presented to the School of Dental Science of the University of Melbourne for disposition in the museum."¹²

⁶ University of Melbourne, Council Minutes 6 August 1962.

⁷ University of Melbourne, Council Minutes 5 November 1962.

⁸ The Faculty name change occurred in 1927.

⁹ Jeffries, Dr J.E.L., *The Australian College of Dentistry. A short history*, Faculty of Dental Science, University of Melbourne, 1968, p 8.

In August 1897 the first edition of the *Australian Journal of Dentistry* was published. Ernest Joske, Honorary Secretary of the College and Registrar of the Dental Board of Victoria, was editor. The College purchased the journal in October 1897. Over the next 58 years the journal was the official organ of the College. Odontological Society, College and Hospital news were published in the journal as well the journal provided a means for the publication of professional papers read before the Odontological Societies of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. The College continued to publish the Journal until December 1955 when it was merged into the new publication the *Australian Dental Journal* along with the *Queensland Dental Journal* (1947-1955) and the *Dental Journal of Australia* (1929-1955). The first issue of the new journal was published in 1956 by the Australian Dental Association.

Useful publications:

James A. McL. Robertson, *The Australian College of Dentistry: A century of dental education in Victoria*, The University of Melbourne, History of the University Unit, Working paper No 4, 1998.

Jeffries, Dr J.E.L., *The Australian College of Dentistry. A short history*, Faculty of Dental Science, University of Melbourne, 1968.

¹⁰ CA 3113, Australian College of Dentistry Laboratory/ (by 1939) Metallographic Research Laboratory/ (by 1943) (Dental) Materials Research Laboratory, Agency Notes, National Archives of Australia,

¹¹ University of Melbourne, Council Minutes 1 July 1963.

¹² Australian College of Dentistry, Council Minutes, 15 March 1967.

DATE OF TRANSFER	Records in this Accession were previously located in the following Accessions - 68/17; 94/121, 101/2
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	<p>The records in this accession were transferred to Archives from the Dental History Museum over a number of years. In some instances the records were not formally accessioned. In 2005 a project was undertaken to consolidate and document the various records held at Archives that had over time been created by entities involved with Dental education.</p> <p>Some items in this accession were catalogued in the Dental Museum's Heritage Documentation Management System catalogue prior to transfer to the University of Melbourne Archives. These items are identified in this listing at the end of the item description. For example: Item 11/9 – “Final Year students 1918, with Dr F.A. Aird, superintendent [DMC1240/10/18]”</p>
NOTE ON LISTING	This listing has been made possible by a Grant from the School of Dental Science, University of Melbourne.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
	1	Council Minutes	1898-1967
		<i>Series note:</i> Minutes of meetings of the College Council. Recording the decisions of the Council and the activities of the College. For the period 1897 to 1926 the College Council and the Council of the Dental Hospital were made up of the same people and meetings were held together. See the Historical Note above for more details.	
1	1/1	Council minutes	1898-1905
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O/S	1/10	Council minutes	1952-1955
O/S	1/11	Council minutes	1955-1958
O/S	1/12	Council minutes [UM72]	1959-1967
2	1/13	Index to Council minutes	1939-c1945
	2	Library Records	1914-1962 (with gaps)
		<i>Series note:</i> the Library Registers recorded details of who borrowed publications. Information recorded includes author and title of publication borrowed, who borrowed it, date borrowed and date returned.	
2	2/1	Library Register	1914-1943
2	2/2	Library Register	1951-1954
2	2/3	Library Register	1957-1962
	3	Financial Records	1917-1967
		<i>Series note:</i> This series comprises the surviving financial records of the Australian College of Dentistry.	
3	3/1	Accounts for payment (register)	1939-1949
3	3/2	Accounts for payment (register)	1949-1953
3	3/3	Journal [folios 1-50 & 93-94 Australian College of Dentistry, 1917-1933; folios 51-90 Dental Hospital, 1917-1933; folios 101-183	1917-1933

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		<i>Australian Journal of Dentistry, 1917-1933]</i>	
3	3/4	Journal [folios 1-100 Australian College of Dentistry, 1934-1943; folios 101-190 <i>Australian Journal of Dentistry, 1924-1950]</i>	1934-1950
3	3/5	Journal [folios 1-277 Australian College of Dentistry, 1944-1959; folios 285-277 <i>Australian Journal of Dentistry, 1947-1956]</i>	1944-1959
3	3/6	Journal	1959-1966
4	3/7	Cash Book [folios 1-22 Cash Book, 1924-1944; Folios 23-93 Gold Book, 1946-1947]	1924-1947
O/S	3/8	Cash Book	1955-1967
	4	<i>Australian Journal of Dentistry records</i> <i>Series note: The Australian Journal of Dentistry was published by the College from 1898 until 1955, when it was merged into the Australian Dental Journal published by the Australian Dental Association. The records in this series are the surviving financial records for the production of the Journal. Series 3 also has some financial records relating to the Journal.</i>	1943-1955
4	4/1	Cash Book	1944-1953
4	4/2	Cash Book	1954-1955
4	4/3	Ledger	1943-1955
	5	F.A. Kernot Bequest records In 1929 the College 'received from the trustees of the estate of the late Frederick Archer Kernot formerly of Kooyong in Victoria cash and securities valued at approximately £5,500 to be called the "F.A. Kernot Bequest", the income from the bequest to be devoted to special research on subjects connected with dental science as the College may in its discretion think desirable, or if not required for the purposes of such research, then to the purchase of books dealing with dental science to establish the nucleus of a library (all such books to bear an imprint identifying them with the name and bequest of F.A. Kernot).' [<i>University of Melbourne</i>	1929-1959

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		<i>Regulations R7.70]</i> The following provide a record of the financial status of the Bequest for the period 1929–1959.	
4	5/1	Journal	1929-1959
4	5/2	Ledger	1929-1959
	6	Dental Research Committee records	1930-1967
		<i>Series note:</i> Records of the Dental Materials Laboratory. See Historical Note above for details the relationship between the College and the Laboratory.	
5	6/1	Accounts for payment (register)	1936-1940
5	6/2	Accounts for payment (register)	1940-1945
5	6/3	Accounts for payment (register)	1945-1963
5	6/4	Cash Book	1930-1946
5	6/5	Cash Book	1947-1965
5	6/6	Journal	1930-1946
5	6/7	Ledger	1940-1967
5	6/8	Minutes	1930-1957
6	6/9	Record Book of the Metallographic Research Laboratory. Lists test results for the period 1940 - c1944	1940–c1944
6	6/10	Photograph Album – Photographic Record of Instruments and Test Results	
6	6/11	Published Papers on Research undertaken at the Dental Material Research Laboratory. Most papers were written by H.K. Worner.	1936-1956
6	6/12	Publication – Joan A. Chong and Dr M.J. Tyas, <i>The Australian Dental Standards Laboratory 1938 - 1988</i> , AGPS, 1988. [Includes two 5.25 inch floppy disks]	
6	6/13	Afternoon Tea 14 November 1978	1978
6	6/14	Annual Report	1938-1947
6	6/15	Arbitration Exhibits	1971
6	6/16	ASDL Stand, Australian Dental Congress, Sydney, 1988 - Correspondence	1988
6	6/17	ASDL Stand, Australian Dental Congress, Sydney, 1988 – Photographs and Extras (NB there are no photographs on file)	1988
6	6/18	Correspondence with Department of Health (Commonwealth)	
6	6/19	Reclassification	1960s & 1970s
7	6/20	Archive box of unsorted photographs relating to the activities of the Dental Research	

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		Laboratory, includes a photo album of the 50 th Anniversary Dinner held 31 August 1988.	
	7	Newspaper cuttings	1935-1962
		<i>Series note:</i> Albums of newspaper cuttings taken mainly from Australian capital city dailies. The cuttings records relating to the activities of the College, the Dental hospital or dentistry in general.	
8	7/1	Newspaper cuttings [Includes many clippings about the 10 th Australian Dental Conference held Melbourne, 1939]	1935-1949
8	7/2	Newspaper cuttings	1950-1962
	8	Student records	1898-1973 (with gaps)
		<i>Series note:</i> This series comprises records relating to student administration. I particular attendance at classes and/or assessment results.	
8	8/1	Students declarations	1898-1909
8	8/2	Mark book [Appears to have been maintained for the purposes of determining the winner(s) of the John Iliffe Scholarship]	1932-1948
9	8/3	Mark book [This volume continues from Item 8/3 above. After 1963 the information was maintained by the Faculty and includes winners of other scholarships and prizes]	1949-1971
O/S	8/4	Roll Book – Conservative Dental Surgery, 3 rd Year. [After 1963 the roll was maintained by the Faculty]	1946-1973
O/S	8/5	Roll Book – Conservative Dental Surgery - Part II, 4 th Year. [After 1963 the roll was maintained by the Faculty]	1946-1972
O/S	8/6	Roll Book – Conservative Dental Surgery (includes 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th year attendances for various years). [After 1963 the roll was maintained by the Faculty]	?-1966
	9	Membership records	1898-1952
		<i>Series note:</i> This series comprises records relating to membership of the Australian College of Dentistry. Students, practitioners	

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		and members of the public could become members of the College.	
9	9/1	Register of members [folios 1-4 Life Members; 7-110 Members]	1903-1942
9	9/2	List of members	Undated
9	9/3	Minutes of Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of Life Members and Members of the College. [volume also includes Minutes of Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of Life Governors of and Subscribers to the Melbourne Dental Hospital, 1898-1929.]	1898-1952
	10	Correspondence	1903-1967 (with gaps)
		<i>Series note:</i> The origin of the material in this series appears to be the Australian College of Dentistry. Many of the items were salvaged by Prof Henry. Atkinson who has drawn the material together under particular subject headings. The titles for items 3-22 reflect Professor Atkinson's titling.	
10	10/1	Volume of correspondence, meeting agendas, notices of motion, and other papers, (there is loose correspondence inside the back cover of this volume). [NB some items of correspondence relate to matters concerning the operations of the Dental Hospital. See note the Historical Note above for an explanation of the College/Hospital administrative arrangements].	1926-1927
10	10/2	Volume of correspondence, meeting agendas, notices of motion, and other papers, (there is loose correspondence inside the back cover of this volume).	1936-1938
11	10/3	ACD File No 1A	1903-1934
11	10/4	ACD File No 1B – History Miscellaneous	
11	10/5	ACD File No 2	1923–1960
11	10/6	ACD File No 3 – Lucas/Douglas	1946
11	10/7	ACD File No 4 – Kernot Bequest	1934
11	10/8	ACD File No 5 – Alteration, Spring Street	1944
11	10/9	ACD File No 6 – General	
11	10/10	ACD File No 7 – Dental Research Committee	1940–1961
12	10/11	ACD File No 7A – Research	1937-1941
12	10/12	ACD File No 8 – Prof F.C. Wilkinson	1928-1930

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12	10/13	ACD File No 9 – Winding up & transfer of funds held in trust to the University of Melbourne	1961-1967
12	10/14	ACD File No 10 - Correspondence	
12	10/15	ACD File No 10 – Correspondence APDA	
12	10/16	ACD File No 11 – Graduates	1906-1930
13	10/17	Acts & Bills of Parliament, Statutory Rules	
13	10/18	Copies of articles on fluoridation (File)	1951 & 1958
13	10/19	Dental Anatomy (File)	
13	10/20	Report of Sub-Committee on Dental Health Services in Victoria, Australian Dental Association (Victorian Branch)	1957 (Sep)
13	10/21	Sir K. Anderson – Orthodontics (File)	
13	10/22	Tuckfield (File)	
	11	Photographs	
		<i>Series note:</i> The origin of the material in this series appears to be the Australian College of Dentistry. The photographs depict people, places and activities associated with the work of the faculty or dentistry in general. NB Some photographs require further research to have people, places and activities identified.	
13	11/1	Folder of Photographs : Australian College of Dentistry/Melbourne Dental Hospital – Lonsdale Street, Melbourne	
13	11/2	Folder of Photographs : Australian College of Dentistry/Melbourne Dental Hospital – Spring Street, Melbourne	
13	11/3	Folder of Photographs : New Dental Hospital & Teaching Facilities, Grattan Street, Melbourne	
13	11/4	Album of Photographs : New Dental Hospital, Grattan Street, Melbourne, under construction	
13	11/5	Album of Photographs : New Dental Hospital, Grattan Street	
O/S	11/6	Photograph Mr Lindsay, Miss Lillian Lindsay, Hon Librarian, J.F. Colyer	
O/S	11/7	The New Melbourne Dental Hospital and the Australian College of Dentistry, Spring Street, Melbourne (Print in Frame)	
O/S	11/8	Photographic Montage of members of the 1909 Dental Congress.	1909

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		NB The identification of individual members is incomplete. Research is continuing.	
O/S	11/9	Final Year students 1918, with Dr F.A. Aird, superintendent [DMC1240/10/18]	1918
O/S	11/10	3 rd Year LDS, BDS students 1922, with Mr Unsworth, bookkeeper [DMC01240/10/21]	1922
O/S	11/11	Members of the Dental Congress 1924, outside Wilson Hall, University of Melbourne [DMC1240/10/20]	1924
O/S	11/12	Graduating Class, 1924(?)	1924(?)
O/S	11/13	Photographic Montage – Sixth Australian Dental Congress, Executive Committee, Melbourne, 1927	1927
O/S	11/14	Portrait Photograph – Arthur Richard Clarks, one of the Founders and Life member of the Australian College of Dentistry.	
O/S	11/15	Portrait Photograph – Joseph Polack, Member of the Council Australian College of Dentistry, 1939-1940.	
O/S	11/16	Portrait Photograph – Prof W.J. Young, Member of the Council of the Australian College of Dentistry, 1924-1939.	
O/S	11/17	Portrait Photograph – Dr R.J. Yule, Honorary Treasurer, Australian College of Dentistry, 1927-1930.	
O/S	11/18	Large framed photograph – Dental Dinner, Cathedral Hotel, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, c1910	
O/S	11/19	Portrait Photograph – James Monahan Lewis, DDMSc (Melb), President Congress of Australian Dental Association. 10 th National Congress, Melbourne, Aug 1939.	
	12	Ephemera	
		<i>Series note:</i> Items of ephemera relating to the Australian College of Dentistry	
O/S	12/1	Bronze Plaque from 193 Spring Street building. <i>“The Australian College of Dentistry & the Melbourne Dental hospital affiliated with the University of Melbourne, Sir John Madden, GCMG, LLD, DCL, President”</i>	
O/S	12/2	Photographic copies (3) of Sketch plans of the	

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		Australian College of Dentistry and Melbourne Dental Hospital Building, 1906.	

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