Reflect on Anzac spirit

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A MEMORIAL garden was opened and blessed as part of the college’s Anzac Day ceremony on Friday.

The garden was built by the students and includes a seat of remembrance in recognition of a past student, Bryan Cullen, who was a student from 1961-63 and who died on November 27, 1987, aged 20, while serving with the 7th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam.

An eternal flame in his memory is located in the college chapel.

Members of Mr Cullen’s family spoke at the ceremony and said he would be “truly honoured”.

Principal Anthony Gleeson said the garden was built along the Anzac ideals of “teamwork, co-operation, mateship, self-sacrifice and loyalty”.

Materials used are symbolic: sleepers represent the trenches and three tiers symbolise the steep cliffs at Anzac Cove.

Rosemary, golden wattle, star jasmine and a Lone Pine tree are among the plants selected.

“We hope that every time our students, staff and parents pass by the garden that they reflect on the Anzac tradition,” Mr Gleeson said.

The garden was opened and blessed by Bishop David Walker.

The Anzac Day ceremony at St Leo’s College Wahroonga on Friday.

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