William left Frankston in Victoria to travel to HAC as a 17 year old to commence his Diploma in 1910. He completed it in 1913, then worked with sheep and wheat in the Riverina. Later that year, whilst recuperating from a cane knife wound in his hospital bed in Fiji, he wrote to the College asking if they were sending a company to the war. He enlisted with a Fiji Contingent in December 1914 and travelled to England in early February 1915 where he was attached as Rifleman R/10203, to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps as part of the 4th Battalion. He went to the Front in France in April and was killed on 8 May 1915.

His mother wrote to the College;

"Will was very happy with you all at the College and I know he used to think of the time he spent there as amongst the happiest years of his life".

He is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 53, Ieper, Belgium.