



THANKS TO YOU

IMPACT REPORT 2023/2024



St Mary's
FOUNDATION



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A thank you message from our Chair

I am incredibly grateful for the unwavering support from our community of donors. Your selfless contributions to our scholarship, building and library funds ensure that St Mary's remains a beacon of excellence and opportunity.

Recently, we farewelled a cherished member of the St Mary's family, Reverend Joyce Polson. Her spirit of generosity resonated deeply within our community, and it was wonderful to see so many people honour her legacy during a beautiful commemorative service on 27 April. Joyce's impact on St Mary's was immense, and it is testament to her enduring spirit that she left a bequest to the School. Joyce's life epitomised giving and service, values that our community embodies so well.

Those values were part of the criteria that formed the basis for identifying our inaugural Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship recipient, Ashleigh-Clancy Lowe. Ashleigh, currently in Year 7, is a bright and eager student who is excited to make the most of the opportunities that will come from receiving this scholarship. I am confident that our 2021 Head Girl, Sally Hicks, would be proud of her selection.

Looking back on 2023, we were deeply thankful for the contributions of over 200 donors who raised more than \$300,000 for the Foundation in support of the School.

I must also extend my thanks to everyone who supported this year's recent Annual Giving appeal. Together, our community raised over \$107,000 towards scholarships, capital projects and learning resources.

We had 161 donors make 184 donations including, \$55,257 to the Scholarship Fund, \$16,465 to the Spirit of St Mary's, \$3,725 to the Library Fund and \$32,055 to the Building Fund in support of our new Science, Enterprise, Technology and Innovation (SETI) Centre.

We are truly grateful for each and every donation made and I hope you enjoy taking the time to read through this report and learning about the transformational impact your gifts are making across all aspects of our beloved School community.

With thanks,

Bree Rosagro
Chair, St Mary's Foundation



Principal's Perspective

It fills my heart with immense pride to reflect upon a St Mary's tradition that has been a foundation of our community for over a century – the spirit of giving. This tradition is not merely a practice; it is the essence of who we are. Our culture of generosity, cultivated through the unwavering support of our donors, instills a deep sense of compassion and responsibility within our school.

This legacy of kindness continues to filter through our school today. Our nurturing environment ensures that every student, from their earliest days with us, learns the value of altruism and empathy. These lessons shape them into conscientious citizens who are poised to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world at large.

The impact of our broader community's benevolence is reflected in the actions of our students. Their enthusiastic participation in various service activities is testament to the compassion and spirit of service that are hallmarks of a St Mary's education. Whether they are organising food drives, volunteering to support local charities or fundraising for global causes, our students embody the values that we hold dear. The graphic on the following page paints a heartwarming picture of our girls' commitment to serving others.

This remarkable tradition of giving is a collaborative effort. It is the combined spirit of our dedicated staff, supportive parents and generous alumni that makes it possible. Each act of kindness, each donation and each hour volunteered strengthens the fabric of our community and exemplifies the true spirit of St Mary's.



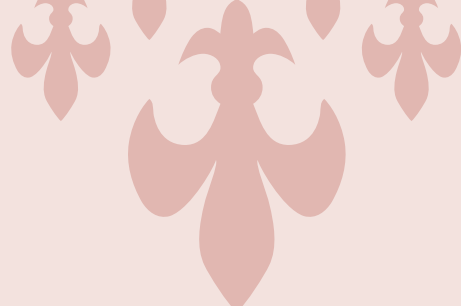
To our donors, I extend my deepest gratitude to you all. Your support is not just financial; it is a vote of confidence in our mission and a direct investment in the future of our students. It is your generosity that enables us to continue providing a holistic education that emphasises not just academic excellence but also the importance of character and service.

As we look forward to the future, let us continue to foster a community where generosity and compassion are at the forefront of our minds. Together, we can continue to nurture the next generation of compassionate leaders, ensuring that the spirit of giving at St Mary's remains as vibrant and impactful as ever.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mrs Judith Tudball
Principal

Giving back to our community



Almost

\$100,000

raised for **Angicare WA** over recent years



Over

\$30,000

for **Cambodian Children's Fund** in 2023

Raised

\$52,000

for the **Leukemia Foundation** in 2024



Over

100

bags of goods for **St Bart's Christmas Hamper Appeal**

Planted

16,000

trees in 2023



\$8,000

for **Biggest Afternoon Tea** for Cancer Research in 2023/24



Care packs and an Easter Egg drive for **Fostering Hope**



25



boxes of warmth for the **Winter Crisis Appeal**

Thanks to you 2023 donor roll

St Mary's extends its gratitude to everyone who supports our vision to be a leader and innovator in the education of girls. It is our aim to provide the very best learning environment for our students today and in the future.

This Donor Roll records the names of donors who have supported St Mary's between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023.

The donors listed in maroon have supported St Mary's for five or more consecutive years and are recognised as members of the *Fideliter Society*.

ANNUAL GIVING SCHOLARSHIP FUND, BUILDING FUND, LIBRARY FUND AND SPIRIT OF ST MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A

Helen Adams
Afilaka Family
Linzey Allinson
Vanessa Anderson
Appleby Family
Atkins Family
Attwill Family

B

Rod and Lyn Baker
Shannon Baker
Wendy Barnao
Bronwyn Barnes
(Cooper '84)
Glenn and Lisa Barrett
Baskerville Family
David Bean and
Miriam Borthwick
Monique Beaudoire and Steve
Hogden
Adrian Beck
Tyson and Allison Bennett
Alecia Benzie
Bouckaert Family
Ann Boyer
Brades Family
Paul, Victoria and
Lilia Bradley
Brindal Family
Brownley Family
Vanya Burton
Paul and Wendy Butler
Buzynski Family

C

Carey Family
Elizabeth Carr ('81)
Marlene Carter ('63)
V Cearns
Pamelia Cheshire ('63)
Xing Family
Chong Family
Virginia Christie ('84)
Civitico Family
Counsel Family
Carolyn Cover (Walder '74)
Dr Leonie Coxon
Crabb Family
Jane Crisp (Cyprian '81)
Jaslyn Cullen (Gibson '94)
George Cyprian and Family

D

Amy Dawson (Fraser '94)
De Mattia Family
Rhys Dickinson
Amy Dickson (Paterson '94)
E P Dodson
Douglas Family
N Doyle
Shirley Duncan

E

Peter Evans

F

Jennifer Falkiner
Feng Family
Finnie Family

G

Gibb Family
Rodger and Judith Gibson
C and G Giglia
Gillmore Family
Jane (Fisher '70) and
John Gillon
Alisa Silaratkit
Elizabeth Gorey ('71)
Gray Family
Gregory Family
Griffiths Family
Gurgone Family

H

Cheryl Haak
Fiona Harris
Lisa Harris
Renton Harris Family
Trish Hawkey ('88)
Marjorie Heaney (Long '65)
Terri Herbert (Jasper '98)
Erica Herron
Lybus Hillman (Manning '65)
Dana Hlavacek
Lynda Hocking
Holdaway Family
Michelle Houwen
Elizabeth Howson
Vander Wal Family

I

Ireland Family (Breanna '21)
Eric and Louise Isaachsen

J

Jago Family
Janse van Rensburg Family
Deborah Jarman
Jeffer Family
Jiang Family
Johnson Family
Cate Johnson ('20)
Johnston Family

K

Joan Karmelita
Leo Kelly and
Marlene Downing
Kenny Family
Kercheval Family
Knight Family
Lisa Harris
Komaromi Family
Koranis Family
Mrs Poonam Kulkarni

L

Pamela Leiper (Biggs '55)
Felicity Letch
Letrone Family
Min Lin
Lowson Family
Lucas Family
Lynch Family
James and Jessica Lynch

M

Mary Ellen MacDonald
Coral Mack (Hayes '64)
Wendy Mann (Barr '63)
Manuel Family
Judy Martin (Spark '56)
Paul McCarthy
McCarthy Family
McLean Family
Millett Family
Jane Milloy
Terry Minello
Molloy Family
Moncrieff Family
Hinkley and Morrell Family
Muir Family

N

Stephanie Neille
Patricia Nicholls
(Hobbs '59)

O

Dr B Orebanwo and
Dr Y Lucas

P

Palmer Family
Dr Nikki Panotidis
Joan Parke
Rebecca Payne
Anne Pesic (Nicolaou '91)
Phan Family
Ruth Phelps (Rowell '62)
Jo Philpott ('78)
Rosalie Poyner ('63)
Lesley Prowse

R

Ramel Family
Ramm Family
Louise Richardson
(Kelly '85)
Grace Richardson
(Snook '48)
Bree Rosagro (Buxton '98)

S

Margaret Saunders
(Harris '70)
Indiana ('16) and Madeleine ('18)
Scanlon
Peta-Jane Secrett
(Hogg '98)
Jacinta Sirr-Williams and Glen

Williams
Solacraft
Stout Family
Su Family
Y Su Family
Hongqi Sun
Sutherland Family

T

Greg Tapscott and
Sandy Slee
Temple Family
Deborah Thomas
Lynne Thomson
Thomson Family
K and D Thomson
Debbie and Rik Thornton
Dana Trtica
Judith and Rod Tudball
Tutton Family
Liam Twigger
Louise Tyson

V

Sally van Rooyen
Roger and Pam Veary
Jade and Sophie Vella
Keeva Verschoor

W

Judy Waddington
(Crews '70)
Sharon Warburton and Damian
Johnston
Brett and Kirrilee Warr
Wasley Family
Weerakody Family
Giles and Elspeth West
Karla Williams (Floan '82)
Piper Williams
Sarah Woods
Sun Family

Z

Zamudio-Concha Family

*15 donors who wish to
remain anonymous*

*221 St Mary's staff members who
made a donation ahead of
attending the Staff Dinner*

ENDOWMENT FUND

The families of all new students
in 2023 who contributed to the
Foundation's Endowment Fund,
which provides for the long-term
future of the School.

SCHOLARSHIPS

David and Coral Mack ('64)
KEE Bundu
Joanna Rouse ('89)
Two donors who wish to remain
anonymous

STUDENT AWARDS AND PRIZES

Donors who provide awards and prizes that recognise the outstanding achievements
and service of students and Old Girls:

Estate of Kerensa Allason ('89)
Estate of Fay Bailey ('40)
Estate of Esmee Byatt (Templeton '30)
Dr John Craig, in memory of Frances Craig MBE
Estate of Deborah Cook (Parker '29, Head Girl)
Cora Barnes
Marilynn Freitag
Hyslop family, in memory of Helen Hyslop (Judge '50, Head Girl)
Genevieve Stone ('74)
Audrey Jackson AM
Joan Karmelita
Denise Lane (Marshall '79)
Pamela Mathers
Ruth Phelps, in memory of Ruth Rowell (Robinson '33)
Margaret Saunders (Harris '70)
Maria Stannage
St Mary's Parents' Society
St Mary's Old Girls' Association
St Mary's Foundation
Robyn Taylor
Lynne Thomson
Estate of Lady Treatt (Wilson '32, Head Girl)
Western Australian Journal of Medicine

Every effort has been made to ensure that this list is accurate. If an error has been made, please accept our sincere apologies and contact us on **(08) 9341 9111** or giving@stmarys.wa.edu.au Please note: some minor adjustments have been made to align with our naming conventions. Should you wish to view the list of approved formats, please contact our Philanthropy team.

Snapshot: 2023 Donor funds received to the Foundation



<p>\$358,816</p> <p>total amount received</p>	<p>From 213 donors</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>giving from Board and Executive</p>	<p>294</p> <p>endowment contributions from new families</p>
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Donor income received by Fund

<p>\$170,793</p> <p>Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>\$7,249</p> <p>Building Fund</p>	<p>\$44,810</p> <p>Spirit of St Mary's Fund</p>
	<p>\$4,790</p> <p>Library Fund</p>	

Fideliter Society

<p>107</p> <p>members</p>	<p>22</p> <p>new members</p>
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Bishop Riley Bequest Society

<p>2</p> <p>new members joined the society</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bequest realised</p>
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2023 Annual Giving Appeal

<p>29</p> <p>new donors</p>	<p>63%</p> <p>maintained their donation amount</p>	<p>20%</p> <p>increased their donation amount</p>	<p>41% of donations came from current parents, 31% from past parents, 28% from Old Girls</p>
<p>10 lapsed donors welcomed back</p>			

Frankies Folly

<p>2220</p> <p>bottles produced</p>	<p>993</p> <p>bottles purchased</p>
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2023: The impact of your giving

Impact of Foundation in 2023



Donor helps make St Mary's possible

Piper Coad commenced her journey as a St Mary's Boarder this year thanks to a part-funded scholarship made possible by Old Girl, Joanna Rouse '89.

"The thing I love most about St Mary's is all the opportunities it offers, academic and sport-wise. So far this year, I have enjoyed participating in gymnastics classes and my favourite subjects are English and HASS.

I have enjoyed making new friends and meeting new people in the boarding house. We all have a lot in common because most of us come from the country and we share similar interests and hobbies.

I am so thankful to the donor, Joanna Rouse, who is supporting my scholarship. It was very nice of her to give me this opportunity to attend St Mary's. Without the scholarship, I don't think that I would be able to come here and enjoy the education that I'm having. I feel very lucky to attend St Mary's and want to make the most of my time here."

Piper Coad, Year 7





St Mary's celebrates grand opening

At the beginning of Term 2, the air was filled with excitement as St Mary's students eagerly entered our brand-new Creative Arts and Design Centre for the first time. This moment marked the dawn of a new era in creativity at St Mary's, a vision realised through the unwavering support of the School's community and Foundation, which generously contributed \$3 million to bring this project to life.



The three-storey centre stands as a beacon of St Mary's commitment to nurturing creativity. This dedicated space promises to fuel the aspirations of budding creatives, empowering them to take risks, experiment and express themselves freely. Inside this state-of-the-art building, students can explore specialised classrooms designed for a range of artistic disciplines, including visual arts, ceramics, design, fashion and textiles.

Students are very excited about the new Media centre which includes a studio equipped with a green screen and control room, as well as a dedicated podcasting studio.



This multifaceted building serves not only as a creative hub but also as a gathering place for the school community.

Former Head of Art and current Senior School Art Teacher, Keryn Cooper ('82), reflected on the broader significance of the new centre.

"I think one of the most fitting reviews of the building came from one of my Year 12 students. She said that having a building dedicated to the arts made her feel important and valued," she said.

2024 Art Captain, Marylou McBain, expressed her delight at the new creative hub, describing it as "a second home" for the School's artistic community. "Girls will be able to come here and find their space in art. They will be able to connect to the building and connect with their art in ways that weren't possible before," Marylou said.



Gracious gift from Class of 2022

Representing the Class of 2022, Menaaz Khan ('22, Head Girl) and Darcie Westlake ('22, Senior Boarder), were pleased to unveil their gift to the School at the recent opening of the new Creative Arts and Design Centre. The cohort chose a piece by renowned artist, Joanna Lamb ('89), as it embodies the theme of wellbeing and mental health. Menaaz shared,

"We hope this gift positively impacts future generations of St Mary's students and marks our time here in an uplifting way."



THANK YOU FROM

2022 Annual Giving Scholar

My time at St Mary's has been nothing short of fantastic. From the moment I arrived at the school, I have been made to feel very welcome by the whole school community.

One aspect of St Mary's that I love is the variety of cocurricular opportunities, particularly all the sporting offerings. Netball is where I truly feel at home and I am particularly looking forward to playing in the IGSSA competition again this year. Beyond the thrill of competition, I have enjoyed making friends by playing many sports at the school.

I have really enjoyed boarding at St Mary's. It is such a welcoming community, and it allows me to spend a lot of time with my closest friends. You always feel like there is someone to talk to and I really enjoy all the recreational activities that we get to do at the weekend.

I often think about how different my life would be if I wasn't at St Mary's. I wouldn't have as many friends, because the local high school in Cunderdin is so small and there are not many people my age. I also wouldn't have had all the opportunities that I enjoy here.

My goal for the rest of my time here is the branch out and try new things. Whether it's joining a club or trying a different sport, I'm eager to keep doing different things.

I would like to thank everyone who has made my scholarship possible. I have learnt so much and have had so many amazing opportunities that wouldn't have been possible without your support.

Lacey Argent, Year 9





THANK YOU FROM 2021 Annual Giving Scholar

Being an Annual Giving Scholar at St Mary's has allowed me to broaden my understanding of what my life might look like past the gates of the School. I am looking into studying courses at university that I never thought possible. It is very exciting thinking about where my studies might take me.

If the opportunity to study at St Mary's hadn't arisen, I think I might have opted for a much more comfortable university pathway. I probably wouldn't have considered studying interstate or internationally. St Mary's has given me a lot of guidance, which has helped me to discover that I can do more than I thought possible.

The School has also provided me with opportunities to expand my leadership skills. They have put me in positions to learn and work with others to improve my leadership qualities. As Wittenoom Sports Captain, I have worked alongside fellow students and staff to

help Wittenoom grow. I have also worked with the other House Sport Captains to promote interhouse sporting competitions, which has led to an increase in sport participation across the board this year.

The friendships that I have made here will last a lifetime and that's what I want to keep building on. I want to have those friendships and those memories forever.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all the donors who made my education at St Mary's possible. Without your help, I wouldn't have had this education or the opportunities that I now have in front of me.

Scarlett Clarke, Year 12

Generous Donors Transforming Lives



I am really enjoying my time at St Mary's. The boarding community is so lovely; everyone is so nice and if you need a helping hand, you can call just on a house mother or pop next door to see a friend.

My goal for the year is to improve my grades; I really want to make my mum proud. I am enjoying my HASS studies, mostly because I enjoy learning about history. We just finished learning about Medieval Europe and recently started learning about democracy and government systems.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the KEE Bundu group. I know that I'm going to learn and experience so much during my time at St Mary's. It's an amazing opportunity and I know that I wouldn't have the same opportunities if I went to my local high school in Wyndham.

Eliysse Johnson
KEE Bundu Scholar

I would like to thank my scholarship donors for giving me an opportunity to receive an education at St Mary's. It has changed my life.

If I wasn't at St Mary's, I might have dropped out of school and looked at TAFE options already. However, attending St Mary's has made me want to stay in school and make the most of all the opportunities here.

My goals for the year are to focus on my learning and have a good think about my subject selections for Years 11 and 12. I want to figure out what I want to do after school and set myself on the path to achieve that.

This year, I am enjoying studying Caring for Children and Young People and Law. In Caring for Children, I have learnt so much about families and communities, and in Young People and Law, I've learnt about the effects that legislation has on youth and how the courts operate.

When I am older, I think that I would like to work in law with children within Indigenous communities.

Emily Collard
Kaartdijin Scholar



Spirit of St Mary's scholarship

We are pleased to announce the recipient of the inaugural 2025 Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship as Ashleigh Clancy-Lowe. This special scholarship is in memory of 2021 Head Girl, the late Sally Hicks, who proposed the idea for her cohort's leaving gift to be an educational scholarship to help others.

Ashleigh is excited to embrace all that St Mary's has to offer and we couldn't think of a more fitting recipient of the Scholarship.

"Receiving the Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship was a moment of pride for me. I still remember finding out when I arrived home from school one day. I feel very proud and grateful that I have been selected to be the first Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship recipient. It is so nice to think that the School thinks I am worthy of such an honour.

The School community has always been so supportive and welcoming. My teachers have always been so helpful and I have always loved that there are so many activities to try at St Mary's. From academic competitions like the Da Vinci Decathlon to interschool sporting events and IGSSA Dance, St Mary's has given me many opportunities to explore my interests.

Transitioning to Senior School brought new experiences and challenges, but it also opened doors to more opportunities. Whether it's bonding activities within my House, getting to know new friends, or exploring subjects like Drama and Music, every moment at St Mary's is filled with excitement and learning. My goal for the rest of the year, and my time at

St Mary's, is to learn as much as possible in my classes and try new things. I want to make the most of everything offered by the School.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship. I am very honoured to receive this special scholarship along with the support of the St Mary's Community."

**Ashleigh Clancy-Lowe
2025 Spirit of St Mary's Scholar**



OLD GIRL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship enriches Old Girl's learning opportunities



Thanks to the Esmée Byatt Scholarship, Andrea Acosta Vargas ('18) was able to relocate to Kalgoorlie to complete her third year of medical school.

"Being placed in the heart of the beautiful Goldfields region has, so far, been the best part of my medical education. In only a few months of being here, I have learned so much more than I could have ever imagined. I have been challenged both inside and outside of the hospital environment and have been inspired by my healthcare colleagues, just as much as by members of the local community.

"This year, I have also commenced a Masters of Aboriginal Health alongside my medical studies, and being in Kalgoorlie has opened my eyes to the stark reality of the living conditions endured by many of our First Nations people. Although this was initially quite a confronting and deeply challenging experience, it has profoundly impacted me and reinforced my

commitment to advocating for culturally appropriate care and effecting meaningful change.

"I am looking forward to completing my studies next year and beginning work as a junior doctor. Throughout my professional career, I hope to return to regional Western Australia and be part of the new generation of doctors who are committed to reducing the health disparities seen between the city and country areas.

"I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to St Mary's and the Old Girls' Association for believing in my potential and awarding me this scholarship, particularly to the generosity of Mrs Esmée Byatt for making this scholarship possible. The scholarships provided by the OGA are just one example of the School's efforts to foster lifelong relationships with its alumni as we navigate life beyond school. I am sincerely grateful to be part of a community that has a genuine care for supporting all its students in achieving each of their individual aspirations, no matter how different they may be."



OLD GIRL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funds life changing experience

Giovanna Bongiorno ('20) is forever grateful for her Fay Bailey Scholarship, which allowed her to attend the 2023 Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Conference in Sydney.

"The highlights of the conference included meeting the Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG; acting as a client in the client interview competition and a witness in the witness examination competition; hearing Grace Tame speak at the Closing Gala; officially publishing and presenting the 2023 ALSA Mental Health and Wellbeing Publication that I wrote and edited; gaining leadership tips and tricks from the Presidents of various LLS/A's; and getting to know countless incredibly intelligent students and industry professionals. I walked away from this highly dynamic and multi-faceted experience with newfound confidence, an enhanced sense of creativity and a deeply rooted passion for the legal profession.

"I am so grateful to have had this opportunity and will forever cherish the new friendships I formed, the memories I made, and the lessons I learned during my time at the ALSA Conference. The Fay Bailey Scholarship funds provided crucial support to cover the expenses and enabled me to enjoy what truly was one of the best weeks of my life and relieved the financial stress associated with my time away from work.

"The connections I made at ALSA subsequently enabled me to receive an invitation to attend the National Leadership in Canberra in September 2023. This was one of the most inspiring and enlightening



experiences. I heard from, spoke with, and asked questions of various politicians, including Anthony Albanese PM, Peter Dutton, Julian Leeser, Luke Gosling, and Dr Anne Aly. I walked away from these conversations with a newfound drive and desire to become a leader who works wholeheartedly, acts with humility, listens intently, cares deeply and selflessly serves those within my sphere of influence.

"Upon returning to Perth, I began leveraging the knowledge and insights gained from these experiences to earnestly pursue my professional endeavours and continue developing my leadership abilities. In recent months, I have had the privilege of stepping into the role of ALSA Events Coordinator for 2024 and undertaking a new job at KPMG as an employment tax consultant."

Donors ignite futures for Indigenous students



Thanks to a generous donor-funded gift, every Indigenous student at St Mary's receives \$1000 annually for education-related expenses.

This invaluable support is designed to help our students access additional educational resources and explore opportunities beyond standard school expenses.

This year, our Indigenous students have embraced this opportunity in remarkable ways, each investing in their futures and passions. Brooklyn Cowdrey, a dedicated Year 12 student, purchased a new MacBook to enhance her burgeoning design skills. Anika Unicomb (Year 11) and Amarliah Rangi (Year 9) both experienced the wonders of the Abrolhos Islands Dive Trip, expanding their horizons under the sea, while Isla Cover (Year 7), Ularni Grujic (Year 7) and Eliyesse Johnson (Year 8) used their funds to participate in club netball with the Royals Netball Club.

Talented athlete, Kyla Narrier (Year 8), showcased her skills at the 2024 National Athletics Championships in Adelaide, and Mila Landon (Year 9) pursued her passion for diving by completing a PADI Dive Course. Furthermore, Summer Bellotti (Year 9), Jalayah Bird (Year 10) and Emily Collard (Year 10) are eagerly preparing for the enriching Regional Immersion Tour to Beagle Bay later this year.

These stories are testament to the profound impact of this generous funding. It enables our students to not only pursue their academic goals but also to dream big and develop their unique talents. We are deeply moved by the donors' kindness and their commitment to empowering the next generation of Indigenous leaders.



Lasting Legacy

The late Reverend Joyce Sylvia Polson OAM was our Deaconess, Chaplain Emeritus and guide in so many ways for almost 50 years, including in the establishment of the Foundation in 1987. Present at the first meeting and enthusiastic about it and the future of St Mary's, Joyce has been true to her word to the last, and has bequeathed a financial donation to the Foundation, trusting in their stewardship to spend the funds where they feel there is a need.

Joyce was always one for empowering others, based on her strong faith and belief in the light to be found in people and places. Modern, witty and generous in spirit, Joyce's final contribution to St Mary's will live on through the countless choices and opportunities that her donation will provide for the students, hopefully, changing their lives for the better. Thank you, Joyce, and we will endeavour to keep providing and searching for the good in us all.

"So finally, my ten words to sum up the whole doctrine of the Church; God loves me, God forgives me, God is with me.

Say it every day - teach it to everyone. Think about it, for from those words will come the life God calls us to live"

- Joyce Polson, from *My Last Words*



The thing that I have loved most about my time at St Mary's is the people and sense of community. I have made so many good friends and met so many wonderful people, including many influential and supportive teachers.

During my time at St Mary's, I have tried my hand at surfing, rock climbing, public speaking, badminton, learning new languages, and participated in the music program by performing in choirs and bands. I didn't

excel at all of them but that's okay. The School really encourages students to try new things so that they can discover their passion or broaden their interests. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Giving scholarship program. You are giving young girls opportunities to do things that make them happy and helping them succeed in life.

**2019 Annual Giving Scholar
(Anonymous)**

Donations bring fresh life to our libraries

Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, the Junior School library has undergone a refurbishment that has made a world of difference. With the addition of new, versatile furniture, the library's layout has been optimised to support small group collaborations, hands-on problem-solving and dynamic robotics sessions.

The highlight of this upgrade is a stunning mural of native birds and scenery, breathing vibrant life into this already captivating space. Your donations have not just revitalised a library, they have created a hub of creativity and learning that will inspire our students for years to come.

Generous donations to our Library Fund also recently helped our Senior School introduce a new collection of 100 books known as 'Super Readables'. These are not just any books—they are specially designed 'Hi-Lo' texts, meaning they offer high-interest content with a low readability level. Many of these books feature dyslexia-friendly fonts, making them accessible to a wider range of students.



The Senior School Library staff are excited about this mini collection's potential to ignite a passion for reading among the school's more reluctant readers. By creating a dedicated space for these quick, engaging reads, students can easily discover books that captivate their interest without feeling overwhelmed. This initiative empowers students to take control of their reading choices, fostering a love for literature and boosting their confidence in reading independently.



NEW AWARD Margaret Saunders Citizenship Award

Last year saw us launch the Margaret Saunders Citizenship Award thanks to the generosity of Margaret Saunders (Harris '70) who set about to create an annual award that acknowledges girls who have focused on the needs of others, are compassionate and caring, and make a significant contribution to the classroom and their fellow peers. Congratulations to Jorja Foster, the inaugural 2023 award recipient.

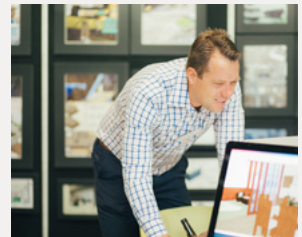
Bishop Riley Bequest Society Dinner

In 2024, our annual Bishop Riley Bequest Society Dinner will be held on Monday 21 October.

We welcome anyone who has made or intends to make a gift to St Mary's in their Will to join us.

This special event provides the School an opportunity to honour members of our community who share and support our vision for the future of St Mary's. Fittingly, this year's dinner will be held in our new Creative Arts and Design Centre – a project that was made possible thanks to the benevolence of our generous donors.

If you would like to become involved in the Society's activities, or find out more about making a bequest to the School, please contact Sarah Woods, Director of Philanthropy, on (08) 9341 9120 or swoods@stmarys.wa.edu.au



Guests of the 2023 Bishop Riley Bequest Society dinner.

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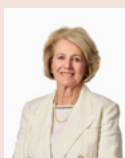
**BREE ROSAGRO
(BUXTON '98)**
CHAIR

Bree has been a member of the Old Girls' Association Committee since 1999 and has served as their representative on the Board of Management since 2007. Bree specialises in Insurance Law, acting for insurance companies in professional indemnity and public liability.



PAUL BUTLER

Paul specialises in financial advising and forecasting for independent schools in Perth, Sydney and the UK. He established Kilbracken Consulting Group in 2000 to assist schools with annual budgeting, long-term financial forecasting/planning and ensuring financial sustainability. Paul's daughter graduated from St Mary's in 2000.



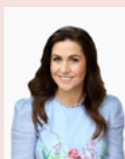
MARLENE CARTER ('63)
VICE CHAIR

Marlene has been a member of the Board since 1989. She was Chair from 2018-2021, before taking on the role of Vice-Chair in 2021. She is also Chair of the Bishop Riley Bequest Society.



ELIZABETH CARR AM ('81)

Elizabeth is Chair of St Mary's Board of Governors. She holds several board positions, including Director of icare NSW, Chair of South Metropolitan TAFE (WA), Chair of St Catherine's Aged Care, Chair of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Vice-Chair of the Kokoda Track Foundation.



YASMIN BASKERVILLE

Yasmin has two daughters who attend St Mary's Junior School and a son at Hale School. She was the previous President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the St Mary's Parents' Society. After graduating from Edith Cowan University with a Bachelor of Education, Yasmin worked in the Government and Catholic education sectors. Yasmin was appointed to the Board of Management in 2021.



AMY DAWSON ('94)

Amy is a proud Old Girl of St Mary's and is the current President of the Old Girls' Association. She previously served on the Board of Governors for nine years, including as Vice Chair. She has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia majoring in Accounting and Marketing and minoring in Business Law. She also has a Diploma in Property Services and holds a Real Estate Agent Licence. Amy runs a real estate agency based in Trigg that services residential and commercial property sales.



ANDY GRIFFITHS

Andy's daughter graduated from St Mary's in 2019. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Parents' Society in 2019, after serving as its Treasurer since 2014. Andy spent 15 years working for Reuters as an Internal Auditor and Finance Manager in the UK and across Asia and, for the past 14 years, has worked with HBF as Group Financial Controller and now Head of Strategic Project Support. Andy joined the Board in 2018.



MICHELLE HOUWEN
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Michelle is St Mary's Director of Business Operations. She began her career in the Banking and Mining/Engineering industries before moving into education. She has served on numerous committees, including as National President of the Association of School Business Administrators and President of the AISWA Capital Grants Association.



JASON STOUT
TREASURER

Jason has over 22 years' experience in financial services, including 20 years as a financial advisor. Currently he is a Director and Senior Wealth Advisor with JBWere. Jason's younger daughter is a current student at St Mary's and his elder daughter graduated in 2020.



LYNNE THOMSON

Lynne retired as St Mary's Principal in 2018 after serving the School for 21 years. She has served as President of Anglican Schools Australia and the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia, State Representative of the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia, and a member of St George's College Board and Curtin University Council. Lynne is presently Chair of the Anglican Schools Commission.



JUDITH TUDBALL
PRINCIPAL

Judith joined St Mary's as its 10th Principal in 2019. She was previously Principal of St Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart. She has served as the President of Anglican Schools Australia as well as on the national executive for the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia and the Board of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.





Stephanie Neille, Archivist; Amy Dickson, Philanthropy and Alumni Officer; Sarah Woods, Director of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations; Lucy Wiseman, Alumni Relations Coordinator.

COMMEMORATE Your St Mary's Journey

Whether you would like to leave your legacy by supporting our existing scholarship, building or library funds, or support a more bespoke project that is close to your heart, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can bring your vision to life.

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