Throughout 2016, Year 12 have modelled a spirit of inclusion that has brought their cohort together and supported them through each phase of their final year at Melbourne Girls Grammar. A wonderfully diverse group of young women, they relished their differences and treasured their common purpose. We are so very proud of them, young women with the substance to make a difference in the lives they will choose to lead.

In celebrating this cohort of MGGS graduates, we look far beyond their results: an education for life is anchored on values, inspires the confidence to seize every opportunity life puts in the way, and nurtures the emotional depth to connect with others in every context. We acknowledge and celebrate the breadth of accomplishments of our 2016 graduates.

I hope you enjoy reading the reflections from our girls, their wonderful perspectives on life, learning, and the possibilities a MGGS education offers girls.

We wish them every happiness as they step into the next exciting chapter of their lives.

Catherine Misson
Principal
In the pursuit of our vision, Melbourne Girls Grammar is committed to the provision of an exceptional education for girls, with an emphasis on strong Christian values, high expectations, creativity and academic challenge. Within a supportive and optimistic culture we provide opportunities for students to discover their passions and build their capacities for action and influence within their many life contexts.

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Melbourne Girls Grammar as a school has been influential in my outlook and a great contributor to my personal growth, and I am so fortunate to have been a part of this positive community. I feel it is a privilege and an honour to be a student and a leader in this community. MGGS has given me a greater appreciation for the importance of such a positive school environment and has taught me skills of communication and organisation and a love of learning which I will carry with me throughout the rest of my life. More personally, MGGS has given me a community of friends and teachers beyond my family and friends outside of school. I go to school every day feeling fortunate and happy that I have a community that cares about me and supports me in every way. MGGS has given me this type of relationship beyond an education, which I value immensely and will never forget. The support and care I have received from my teachers from Year 7 to Year 12 in particular, I will value forever, and I will be sad to leave them.

Grace Bennetts

Melbourne Girls Grammar has allowed me to learn to manage my own independence and take on opportunities that I would have usually shied away from. The school has encouraged me to question expectations and set new boundaries for myself.

Gemma Ciardulli

Melbourne Girls Grammar has taught me to be an individual, to be strong minded and to work hard. I have learnt that once I leave, not everything that I experience will be as fair, nor will I be as protected; I will experience struggles and come across many aspects of my life where I won’t agree with everything, but sometimes you just have to work through it. MGGS has shown me to be myself and to respect my own opinions in order to have other people respect me.

Emma Caldwell

Melbourne Girls Grammar has taught me to be committed, determined and to be a leader. I have made the most amazing group of friends, many of whom I will keep for life. I hope to keep these skills beyond the red brick walls because MGGS has really developed me as a person. Over my years I’ve had the most incredible experiences. From going on an exchange in England for a term at Godolphin School, to running a half marathon in Cambodia, to travelling through the Northern Territory. All of these adventures have developed me as a person and made me more confident and independent. Being involved in the rowing program has taught me to be self-driven and shown me what I am capable of achieving. All the opportunities from the school have made me the person I am today. I now feel confident and prepared to do what I want to do once I’m out of school.

Lily Harrison

Melbourne Girls Grammar has definitely taught me how to value myself as a person, and has pushed me to explore my own individuality and discover what I value the most in life. I think it has definitely taught me to have belief in myself in any endeavours I undertake, and has provided me with the practical skills I need to effectively carry out whatever I would like to do beyond the red brick walls.

Ella Furphy

Melbourne Girls Grammar has helped me to understand that as much as there will be people throughout your life that will support you and guide you towards your goal, it is mostly important for a person to understand what they want out of life and how they can personally achieve it. I think that when a person has understood this, then they can begin to work towards accomplishing things that they will know they have done themselves, which is always more rewarding than being handed something.

Dominique Udunuwara

My time at Melbourne Girls Grammar has assisted me in so many ways and I have gained so many life skills. I have learnt the value and importance of giving back to my community through being encouraged to undertake volunteering, especially when striving to achieve the Field Award. I have learnt resilience, being true to myself and holding myself accountable for my work and achievements. You can do what you set out to do if you strive for the best and put in the hard work and focus.

Alana Salomon