

MELBOURNE
GIRLS GRAMMAR
AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL

A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

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Melbourne Girls Grammar is a place where challenge and choice create opportunities for every student to discover who she is meant to be.

A leader in girls' education since 1893, our School has built an outstanding reputation for excellence, enabling students to develop with confidence and independence.

World-class learning programs, state-of-the-art facilities and an extensive co-curricular program inspire each student to achieve their best in the classroom and beyond. Underpinning this history is a collective power of philanthropic support that has created generations of Women of Action.

INVESTING IN FUTURE GENERATIONS

Why bequests are important

Throughout the School's history, bequests have made a significant impact to the development of the School's built environment and have enabled a variety of scholarships.

By making a provision in your Will to Melbourne Girls Grammar, you give a gift that makes a difference beyond your lifetime. Leaving a bequest helps to ensure the School's success is secure for future generations of girls.





THE NISI DOMINUS SOCIETY

The Nisi Dominus Society was established to acknowledge and thank the generosity of those individuals who have confirmed a bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar.

Members of the Nisi Dominus Society are invited to special events and activities at the school, and have the opportunity to meet like-minded supporters of Melbourne Girls Grammar and share their interests in supporting girls' education.

Should you choose to make a bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar, we ask that you may advise us so that we have the opportunity to say thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Nisi Dominus Society.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY

The Cynthia Rowe French Scholarship

Melbourne Girls Grammar is proud to honour the remarkable legacy of Cynthia Rose (Leigh Jones, 1955) through the Cynthia Rowe French Scholarship, a generous perpetual gift that will support generations of students for years to come.

Cynthia enjoyed a lifelong and deeply valued association with Melbourne Girls Grammar. Her passion for the French language began during her years at Merton Hall, where inspiring teachers fostered her love of language and learning. She was educated under the leadership of Dorothy Jean (DJ) Ross, a pioneer in girls' education who had been coached in ancient Greek by Cynthia's grandfather, Samuel Coad. Generations of Cynthia's family enjoyed their education at Melbourne Girls Grammar, including her mother Mildred (1926), aunt Esther Grant (1934), sister Vivienne (1959), daughter Belinda (1979), nieces Samantha Dugdale (1986) and Georgie Stromland (1978).

Inspired by her own education, Cynthia became a dedicated teacher of French and English and a prolific author of eight novels. She was awarded a Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française by the French Ministry of Education and remained a passionate advocate for language education throughout her life. Her commitment to learning, combined with her belief in educational opportunity and the advancement of women, inspired the establishment of the Cynthia Rowe French Scholarship.

Designed to nurture academically capable students with a passion for French language and culture, the Scholarship provides financial support for tuition from Years 9 to 12. It creates opportunities to support girls of high intellectual aptitude who may not have access to an independent school education.

The gift of Education afforded to the School by Cytnhia has been received with gratitude. The Cynthia Rowe French Scholarship allows Cynthia's legacy to continue at Melbourne Girls Grammar.



Meredith and Diana Creightmore (1954)

In 2024, the School received an extraordinary bequest of $4,931,420.90, the largest in its history, gifted through the entirety of Meredith and Diana Creightmore's estate.

Meredith and Diana attended MGGS during the Dorothy Jean (DJ) Ross period, having moved from Perth to Melbourne after the loss of their father.

Though their time at the School was brief, their connection remained lifelong. Diana served as Vice Captain of the School in 1954 leading the Student Executive Council (SEC), was Social Services Committee Secretary and chaired the Library Committee. Meredith was also on the SEC, serving as Athletics Captain, Secretary of the Athletics Club and a member of the 1954 Magazine Committee. Meredith was an enthusiastic member of the second baseball team and hockey team. Additionally, on leaving the School, Meredith was awarded a Commonwealth Government Scholarship. Both were deeply involved in sport and drama, and their passion for MGGS endured well beyond graduation.

The School has memorabilia donated by the twins - including photographs of sporting activities and drama productions, and Diana's school blazer.

Throughout their lives, Diana and Meredith remained close companions, pursuing careers in hospitality and public service (Diana at The Hotel Windsor and Meredith with the Department of Defence), and regularly attending School and Old Grammarians Society events. Their generous bequest reflects not only their deep affection for MGGS but also their shared values of education, equality and community.

MERTON HALL FOUNDATION

The Merton Hall Foundation was established to receive bequests and donations to support the long-term financial security and independence of Melbourne Girls Grammar.

A bequest to The Merton Hall Foundation Scholarship Fund will help us to continue to offer vital scholarships that attract a diverse range of motivated and talented students from across Australia. In discussion with the School, unique merit and/or equity scholarships can be created to attract distinguished students of exceptional abilities, talents and qualities. A named scholarship can be established to meet a specific area of interest.

A bequest to The Merton Hall Foundation Building Fund helps to fund important capital works and infrastructure to enable Melbourne Girls Grammar the opportunity to offer a modern and purpose-built learning environment.

An unrestricted gift in your Will to The Merton Hall Foundation Endowment Fund will enable the School to apply funds to areas of greatest need.

As a past parent of two daughters at Melbourne Girls Grammar, I am proud to Chair The Merton Hall Foundation and to support, with my wife Alexandra, our culture of philanthropic giving at the School.

It is both humbling and inspiring to reflect on the generosity and foresight of many Old Grammarians, parents and staff who support Melbourne Girls Grammar.

The gift of education can be a rewarding and life-changing experience.

I invite you to consider making a bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar and become a part of a community that is committed to the future of girls' education.



Mr Fred S Grimwade
Chair, The Merton Hall Foundation

HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST

What is the best way to leave a gift in my Will to Melbourne Girls Grammar?

There are several ways that you can make a bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar and leave a lasting gift for girls' education.

- **A residual bequest** – after you have made provisions for your family and loved ones, a percentage of the residual amount can be directed to Melbourne Girls Grammar.
- **A specific bequest** – a specific bequest, such as money, property, or shares.
- **Gifts in Kind** – Melbourne Girls Grammar will gratefully receive a range of non-monetary gifts, commonly referred to as Gifts in Kind. Examples of Gifts in Kind include real estate, artwork, special equipment, and other tangible personal property.

Certain types of bequests may be subject to additional taxes on your estate and should be considered when preparing a Will. We would be pleased to discuss with you or your solicitor when considering a bequest of this nature.

How will my gift be used at Melbourne Girls Grammar?

Your support helps our continued progression as a school, ensuring we are continually recognised as an international leader in girls' education. The School will work with you directly to ensure that the funds are allocated to support an area of the school of your choice. This can be through supporting specific buildings and projects, funding of scholarships or alternatively to the Merton Hall Foundation, to apply funds to areas of greatest need.

How can I ensure my gift will be used to support a specific project of my choice at Melbourne Girls Grammar?

If you choose to support a specific area of the school, you are encouraged to let us know by speaking to our Development Co-ordinator who can advise you on current and upcoming projects and how you might support them through your gift. You are also invited to consider a friend or family member who we can communicate with once your gift is released. We will ensure to maintain regular contact with them and will provide updates on how your gift is being honoured.

How should I word my bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar in my Will?

When leaving a gift in your Will to the School, it is strongly advised to do so in consultation with your solicitor. This will ensure that specific components of your bequest are included and directed to the correct fund.

I have left a gift to the School in my Will, what next?

You have the choice to keep your gift confidential or advise the school. We encourage you to notify the school by contacting our Development Office, so that the School can express its appreciation. We will then work with you to ensure that your gift is honoured in line with your wishes.

For more information

For a confidential discussion about giving to MGGS please contact the Development Office via **donate@mggs.vic.edu.au** or by calling **+61 3 9862 9200**.


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- [ ] I intend to leave a legacy gift for girls' education at Melbourne Girls Grammar
- [ ] I have already made arrangements to include a legacy gift for girls' education at Melbourne Girls Grammar
- [ ] I would like more information about a legacy gift for girls' education at Melbourne Girls Grammar

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (mobile) _____

Please return this form to:

Development Office, Melbourne Girls Grammar,
86 Anderson Street, South Yarra Vic 3141

We can provide information and assistance to ensure that making your bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar is a straightforward and rewarding experience.

If you require further advice or for a confidential discussion, please contact the Development Office on **03 9862 9200**.

THANK YOU

By making a bequest to Melbourne Girls Grammar you can create a legacy which will have a lasting impact on girls' education.

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