Opportunities for Girls

From the outset the School focused on achieving equality of educational opportunities for its girls with the result that a continuing commitment to initiating programmes which were ahead of their time was established.

For example, from the opening of the School the importance of physical ‘fitness’ was embraced, with gymnastics taken by the Drill Sergeant from Brisbane Grammar School, compulsory for all girls.

At a time when girls had little or no science education, a science laboratory was established on the first floor of a new building.

Sophia Beanland, always considered progressive and established a professional library for staff development, which then led to the opening of the student Reference Library. This is one of the first to be recorded in Australia and today is known as the Beanland Memorial Library.