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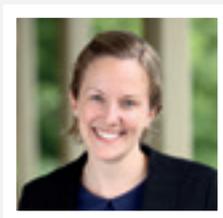
A *Leader* IN
EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Transforming Lives



As a Grammar girl, an alumna, and now Chair of the Board of Trustees, I have seen Brisbane Girls Grammar School consistently provide students with contemporary and high-quality learning spaces, enriching resources, and diverse experiences within and beyond the classroom.

The School's donors, through their philanthropic support, have helped make much of this possible.

The Board of Trustees is dedicated to the advancement of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, to maintain its position as one of Australia's leading educators of young women.

At the end of 2018, the School farewelled longstanding Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ms Elizabeth Jameson. It is not possible to capture Ms Jameson's extraordinary contribution to Girls Grammar during her 24 years on the Board of Trustees in just a few words. Her leadership, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to Girls Grammar have been appreciated by all in our School community. On behalf of Girls Grammar, I sincerely thank Ms Jameson for her myriad contributions to Girls Grammar, including her immeasurable guidance and support of the School's philanthropic endeavours.

In an uncertain and changing world, philanthropy has the ability to transform the lives of the next generation of confident young women, sustaining excellence in teaching and learning, and providing the gift of education to girls from a wide range of backgrounds.

Our community embraced the philanthropic spirit in 2018 and for that, we are very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the School over the past year. You have demonstrated your belief in the power of education to create a better world and, in particular, the value of a Girls Grammar education.

Ms Julie McKay
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Chair, Development and Philanthropy Committee



Creating Opportunities



Brisbane Girls Grammar School is steadfast in its commitment to providing a broad, liberal education for girls—one that holds all students deeply engaged in rigorous and inspired learning.

We encourage Grammar girls to dare to dream, without fear of failure, and to test the unfamiliar. They are adaptable young women who embrace challenge and engage with their world to effect positive change.

Girls Grammar strives to deliver a learning environment that fosters the development of both traditional and emerging contemporary teaching and learning practices—to prepare students to live meaningful lives, whatever path they choose.

2018 was a year of significant preparation as we determined the School's immediate priorities and major plans for the future. This work will continue in 2019 as we develop a *Strategic Design 2020-2022* and commence the next project to emerge from the School's 25-year Masterplan—the construction of a new Science Building on the Main Campus at Spring Hill. The School is very grateful to the Parents and Friends Association for its generous leadership gift toward this major project.

The School's tradition of philanthropy allows us to build on our strengths while breaking new ground, creating opportunities that may otherwise be out of reach.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our community—alumnae, current and past parents, grandparents, staff, students, and the Board of Trustees—and look forward to another exciting year at Girls Grammar.

Thank you.

Ms Jacinda Euler
Principal



2018 Philanthropic Highlights



The School's community of donors brings together a diverse group of people who share a common vision—excellence in girls' education. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference and benefits Grammar girls today and in the future. In 2018, our donors contributed more than \$580 000 toward the School's philanthropic priorities, and we are grateful for their generosity.

During the year, Grammar girls embraced the science of astronomy as they began using the newly opened Dorothy Hill Observatory. The School will continue to invest in outstanding science facilities, and over the next year, we look forward to meeting with members of the School community to share more details about the new science building and the learning opportunities it will provide students.

The ongoing support of donors to the Bursary Fund has allowed the School to offer a second Brisbane Girls Grammar School Bursary for a student who otherwise would not be able to attend the School. The Bursary Fund uses an endowment approach—donations are invested, in turn delivering dividend payments, and ensuring the transformative impact of our donors' contributions will be realised for many generations to come.

As the School plans for its future, there is still so much to achieve. Your support is vital and we hope you will continue to contribute to the future of girls' education by supporting Girls Grammar.

Thank you.

Ms Georgina Anthonisz
Director of Development



Philanthropic priorities

Brisbane Girls Grammar School's philanthropic priorities are focused on four pillars essential to the School's commitment to a broad, liberal education for girls.

Bursaries

Girls Grammar fosters a climate of opportunity and has a rich history of educating girls from diverse backgrounds. Through bursaries, the School is committed to offering the life-changing experience of a Girls Grammar education to girls who may not otherwise be able to attend the School.

Buildings

Inspirational and engaging learning spaces are essential to foster exceptional scholarship. Maintaining facilities to the highest standard supports teaching excellence and drives student learning.

Library

The Research Learning Centre, incorporating the Beanland Memorial Library, provides enriching educational resources to stimulate students' curiosity, imagination and discovery.

Sport

The School has a long tradition of encouraging students to train and perform to their highest potential in their chosen sport, ensuring girls have access to excellent sports facilities, equipment and programs.



The Gift of Education

The Brisbane Girls Grammar School Bursary reflects the School's commitment to providing a Girls Grammar education to girls who demonstrate the qualities of a Grammar girl—curious, principled, adventurous, balanced, and a leader—but might otherwise not be able to attend the School.

Two years ago, the inaugural Brisbane Girls Grammar School Bursary was awarded to a student commencing Year 7 in 2018. Twelve months later, a second bursary was awarded, the recipient commencing in Year 7 2019.

Beyond profoundly contributing to the students' development, the gift of a Girls Grammar education is one that benefits the wider community, as girls graduate and contribute confidently to their world in meaningful and varied ways.

As we look toward the School's 150th anniversary in 2025, the School remains committed to growing the Bursary Fund significantly in order to offer more girls access to the breadth of academic and co-curricular learning experiences available at Girls Grammar.

Thank you to the many donors—including Girls Grammar staff—who generously supported the Bursary Fund in 2018 and in past years. Among the donors were Year 12 2018 students, whose firsthand experience of a Girls Grammar education inspired them to help provide this opportunity to other young women with exceptional promise.

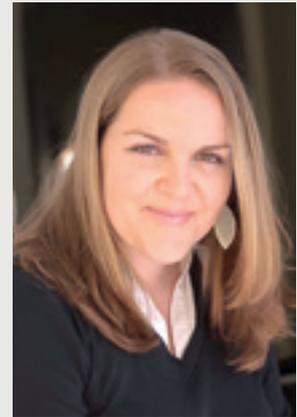
A Life-Changing Opportunity

Lacey Filipich (White, 1999) was one of the first students awarded a bursary at Girls Grammar, thanks to Maria Sulima's gift to the School. After graduating from Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Lacey studied Chemical Engineering at The University of Queensland, graduating as Valedictorian of her class.

'I left school feeling empowered and capable, and the perception that engineering was a man's world was no deterrent to me,' Lacey said.

'Being awarded a bursary was a turning point in my life. I would not have had the opportunity to attend Girls Grammar without it, and without my time at Girls Grammar, I would not be the person I am today.'

Lacey is the founder and director of two businesses and is currently writing her first book.



Maria Sulima's Gift to the School

Born in 1911 in Galicia, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Dr Maria Sulima arrived in Brisbane in 1949. Having attained a Doctorate in Law and Economics from Florence University, Maria established a thriving business in real estate and operated a translation service and migration agency. Education and academic achievement were important in her life and underpinned her belief that women should have the opportunity to benefit from an excellent education.

Dr Sulima chose Girls Grammar to fulfil her dream of providing an exceptional education for young women. She bequeathed funds to the School to provide the Maria Sulima Bursary to girls who would otherwise not be able to attend Girls Grammar.

The 20th recipient of the Maria Sulima Bursary is currently studying at the School.



An Exceptional Learning Resource

Providing exceptional teaching and learning spaces can significantly help students to achieve their full potential. Philanthropic support directed to the Building Fund allows the School to continue to improve facilities to engage and challenge our students in interesting ways.

One of the most innovative recent building projects supported by donations to the Building Fund has been the Dorothy Hill Observatory.

With the generous support of the School community, the Observatory was launched in late 2017. The benefits of this extraordinary learning asset are already being realised, with students using the facility to extend on classroom learning in ways that challenge their existing knowledge and promote critical thinking.

In 2018, Year 8 students used the technology to support astrophotography studies, developing an understanding of the capabilities of the observatory's three telescopes.

Data captured at the Dorothy Hill Observatory has already been submitted to the All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae project (ASASSN), based at Ohio State University. As more learning modules are developed and taught by Girls Grammar teachers, students will be able to record quantitative primary data for use in professional research such as the supernovae project.

Donations to the School's Building Fund also contributed to improvements to facilities across the School's three campuses in 2018.

'It is intimidating, yet exciting, to learn about how much is actually out there in Space, and how tiny we are compared to the vast expanses of matter.'

'By using the Observatory, we have the chance to think about what else might be out there, and what science has yet to discover.'

Year 8 2018 student, Holly Eddington

An Enduring Connection

Girls Grammar families, past and present, gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the *Aere Perennius* program in 2018, honouring the School's culture of giving and deep connection between past students and present and future Grammar girls. Over the past decade, supporters of the *Aere Perennius* program have generously contributed more than \$500 000 to support major initiatives at the School.

Displayed in the Cherrell Hirst Creative Learning Centre, each *Aere Perennius* commemorative bronze plaque provides inspirational words of wisdom and encouragement from Grammar Women to Grammar girls. They are also a lasting symbol of the generations of girls who are an irreplaceable part of the proud history of our School.



Pauline Harvey-Short (Harvey, 1971), Annabelle Ganko (2013), Ellena Papas (1990) and Catherine Avenia (Fielding, 1978)



Principal, Ms Jacinda Euler and past Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ms Elizabeth Jameson.



Kirsten Whip (Macallister, 1981) and Anna Whip (2016)



Sheryl Prins and Elizabeth Prins (2017)

Semper Fortius

Four years ago, Girls Grammar embarked upon an ambitious plan to upgrade the School's rowing equipment to ensure every rower has access to equipment specifically suited to schoolgirls. This includes boats that younger rowers can lift, carry and lower without the assistance of a coach, and oars with handles specially sized to suit smaller hands. In 2018, the School's extensive Rowing Program was boosted with the purchase of a sixth quad—*Semper Fortius*—the final boat required to fulfil the vision of steadily growing the sport at the School.

The *Semper Fortius*, which translates to 'always courageous' was officially named on Saturday 12 May 2018 at an event attended by members of the School's Rowing community, including Rowing Support Group President, Mr Sam Vecchio.

The School is very grateful to the Rowing Support Group for its continued commitment to supporting the program—the annual Rowing River Social fundraising event raised more than \$20000, which was used to support the purchase of a quad trailer to carry nine rigged quads. This will greatly benefit the girls by reducing the time required for re-rigging.

Thank you to those donors who also contributed to the School's sporting facilities, programs and equipment via the Australian Sports Foundation.



'The right equipment, appropriate for schoolgirls to use, is so important—it makes participation easier and enables crews to achieve greater success.'

Mrs Sally Callie, Rowing Coordinator

From the Art Collection

The Brisbane Girls Grammar School art collection holds more than 300 donated works including paintings, photography, sculptures and ceramics. Many of these have been created by professional artists who are past students, providing current students with access to learn about, and be inspired by the work of renowned artists.

In April 2018, past student and prominent artist, Elisabeth Cummings OAM (1932), gifted three works to the School. *Still Life with Black Olives*, an oil on canvas, is representative of Ms Cummings' energetic style and the vitality and colour for which she is renowned. Ms Cummings also gifted the School two prints of etchings, *New Moon on the Warbuton River* and *Western Country*.



Still Life with Black Olives, Elisabeth Cummings.

To celebrate her remarkable life, the sons of highly esteemed Australian artist, Judy Cassab AO CBE (1920-2015), donated five paintings to the School's Art Collection in mid-2018. Born Judit Kaszab in Vienna in 1920 to Jewish Hungarian parents, Ms Cassab emigrated to Australia with her husband in 1951 and soon established herself as a renowned portraitist. Ms Cassab was awarded two Archibald Prizes, for portraits of artists Stanislaus Rapotec and Margo Lewers. In 1969, she was made a Commander of the British Empire for her service to the visual arts and in 1988 an officer of the Order of Australia.

Girls Grammar is honoured to receive and feature the work of Elisabeth Cummings and Judy Cassab in its collection.

'Fostering an appreciation for culture and the richness of the Arts has always been part of life at Girls Grammar. The School intends to continue to add pieces of significance to the collection, in particular works by alumnae artists and other leading female artists.'

Mrs Lorraine Thornquist,
Art Collection Manager

Strong Community Spirit

Each year, Girls Grammar's many support groups donate their time, skills and expertise to the School's events and activities.

In 2018, the Parents and Friends Association (P&F), Mothers and Fathers Groups and other co-curricular Parent Support Groups provided hands-on assistance at School events, hosted working bees to support maintenance and improvement of the Marrapatta Memorial Outdoor Education Centre and raised funds to support School initiatives and programs.

The Old Girls Association donated magnificent and welcoming gates for the School's Marrapatta campus, mirroring those installed at Rangakarra Recreational and Environmental Learning Centre in 2015.

All volunteering, whether through official groups or in ad-hoc networks, builds the strength of the School's community and the School thanks all volunteers for their commitment to our shared purpose.



Thank You

The Board of Trustees and the Principal thank the Girls Grammar community for its generous support in 2018.

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