



St Catherine's School

Annual Giving 2018



Her future begins here

The School was delighted to learn over a third of our 2017 VCE graduates selected STEM related fields of tertiary study for this year. With an increased need to raise the profile of STEM related career options for women, developing competency in science is considered pivotal to our girls' future.

In our Senior School this year, the refurbishment of the Edna Holmes Centre for Science laboratories aims to encourage every girls' learning in Science to ensure they embrace the career prospects within engineering, mathematics, technology and science fields.

This year we are celebrating 20 year of boarding at our historic Illawarra property. Over these years Illawarra has become a second home away

from home for our boarders, including talented girls from rural and regional Australia and from our Indigenous communities who have received a scholarship with the generous support of our School community.

Please join with me in supporting our Annual Giving appeal in the final year of the *Her Future Begins Here* campaign.

Every gift of every size will make a direct and positive impact.



Thank you for considering
a gift for our girls.

Michelle Carroll

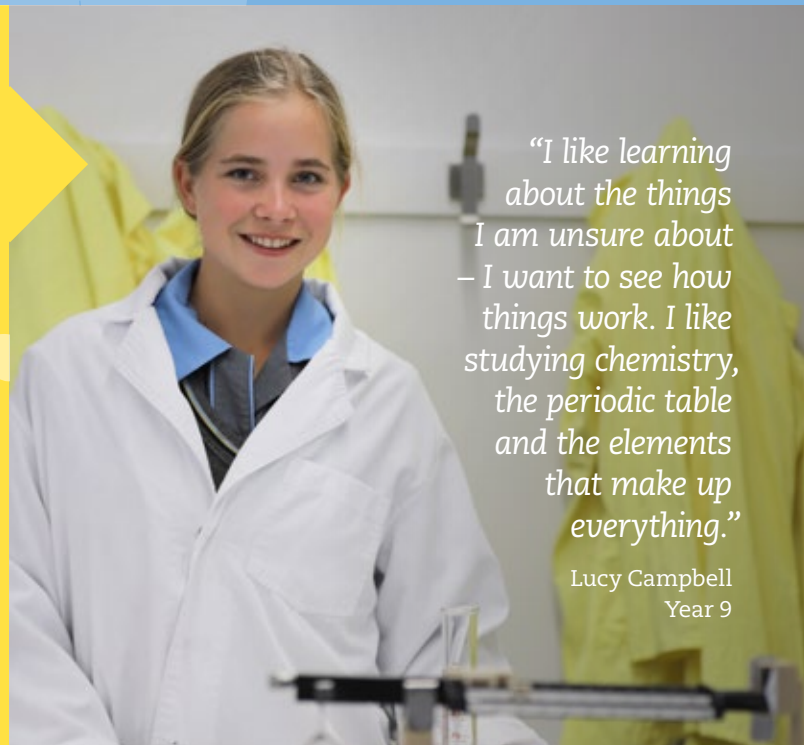
Mrs Michelle Carroll
Principal

Discovery through Science

Science changes people's lives.

In 2018, we are undertaking a major upgrade to the Edna Holmes Centre for Science laboratories to further build our girls' capacities to excel in a world where science and technology will be key to their future success.

We are transforming the teaching and learning environment in our science laboratories and learning spaces to extend our girls exploration and discovery. The refurbished Edna Holmes Centre for Science will benefit all girls in our Senior School as they develop their critical thinking to utilise across all their learnings, now and into the future.



*"I like learning
about the things
I am unsure about
– I want to see how
things work. I like
studying chemistry,
the periodic table
and the elements
that make up
everything."*

Lucy Campbell
Year 9



Unlocking the Talent of Rural and Regional Girls

As a teenager growing up on Phillip Island, Mandy Drennan ('06), a right-leg amputee, set her sights set on swimming at the Paralympics, but it was obvious that would be hard to achieve at home.

The boarding scholarship Mandy received, along with St Catherine's facilities enabled her to live her dream and attend two Paralympic Games, Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008.

The structure and routine of the Boarding House at St Catherine's provided the discipline not to just excel in swimming, according to Mandy, "it set me up for life."

Mandy's success is just one example of the potential St Catherine's rural/regional scholarships provide in unlocking the talent of rural and regional girls from across Australia.

Celebrating 20 years of Boarding at Illawarra.



*"We are all visitors to this time, this place.
We are just passing through. Our purpose
here is to learn, to grow, to love...
and then we return home."*

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Transforming Our Indigenous Girls' Lives

St Catherine's Indigenous Scholarship program is committed to providing a better future for our Indigenous students and to the enrichment of our School culture for all our girls.

In partnership with the Yalari Foundation, our scholarships are awarded to courageous students, willing to overcome challenges, be open to new opportunities and develop independence.

We measure our success not only by completion rates, but also by the positive choices our students can make to their own lives beyond St Catherine's.

We are proud of the courage and tenacity of our Indigenous girls and ask you to support them to become role models and make a lasting impact in their own communities.

Our new world-class Junior School

In just a short time, St Catherine's new world-class Junior School will open, fostering the education, growth and creativity of our girls for generations to come.

Our new landmark Junior School would not have been possible without the support of our School community. In our final year of the 'Her Future Begins Here' campaign, we ask for your support to help us realise our \$3.3 million target.

We are also offering a unique opportunity for all \$10,000 and above donors recognition in our new Junior School Library and Research Centre with a framed book and plaque (Bookmark Her Future).



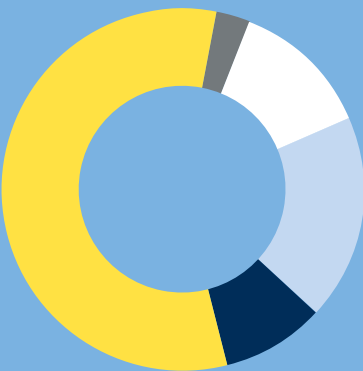
Setting your Imagination Free

Located at the heart of the new Junior School, our Library and Resource Centre will be a place to find a great book, hear a good story, learn to do research and share ideas.

It will be an inclusive and welcoming environment, accessible for parents and grandparents to enjoy before and after School with fun, educational activities and reading.

As Year 4 student Elodie Scott-Elliott said, the Library will be a great place "to read, find friends and enable my imagination to be set free".

"It will also be a space to have some peaceful time to myself when I've had a busy day."



Your 2017 Gifts

Thank you for your generous support, it was a record year and your contributions included:

- 12.5% Indigenous Scholarships
- 57.2% Junior School Campaign
- 18.3% Language Lab
- 2.9% Libraries
- 9.1% Rural/Regional Scholarships

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