

Old Girls' Association



Newsletter

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From the OGA President



Welcome to the second edition of this year's OGA newsletter. It has been a very busy time with the association members being involved in many areas of the school, including Past Students Awards, Old Girls' Association Overseas Study Scholarship Awards, stakeholders meetings, a service of praise and thanksgiving for the restored Reredos in the school

chapel, and the dedication of the Year 7 boarding precinct – 'Longman' – named after Irene Longman, the first woman to stand and be elected to the Queensland Parliament.

St Margaret's Day was a happy occasion for our association with our past president, Mrs Libby Black, being named our Patron for 2015-16. Libby has worked tirelessly for the school over many years. This recognition of her commitment is well deserved and we congratulate her on this honour.

Once again our reunion weekend and the VIP luncheon were very successful with old school friends meeting and renewing friendships, and exchanging new phone numbers and addresses.

When speaking to ladies on these occasions, it amazes me to hear what they have accomplished, the careers they've forged, and their involvement in their own communities. I feel this speaks strongly to the St Margaret's theme for this year: *Connecting and Engaging*.

A well attended Old Girls' chapel service was held on Sunday 26 July. Many of those in attendance at the reunion events chose to remain in Brisbane to join us at this service. The collection from the chapel service once again went towards the restored Reredos.

Our next OGA function will be our Annual Brunch on Sunday 25 October from 9am to 12noon in the St Margaret's Art Centre Foyer. The guest speakers will be Anne Muggleton (Schmidhauser 1956) and Rosemary Willink (2005). Details and payment information are included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at this function.

Jan Moody



LEFT: Anne Muggleton (Schmidhauser 1956), Jillian Scott (Mills 1966), Janice Moody - President (Biddulph 1956), Libby Black (Stanley 1968), Deborah Love - Vice President (Massey 1969), Ros Curtis - Principal, Lee Freeman (Crust 1966)



From the Principal



In my role as Principal, I meet many Old Girls of all ages and in various stages of their lives. They often ask after the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent (SSA), revealing their respect for the work of the Sisters in the past and their desire for St Margaret's to maintain these links with the Sisters in the future.

The Sisters themselves have also contemplated a time when the SSA may not exist and in the late 1990s developed a considered plan which led to the establishment of The Society of the Sacred Advent Schools Pty Ltd, the Trustee of separate Trusts to hold and operate each of their schools, St Margaret's and St Aidan's.

The Sisters have ensured that the Trust arrangements preserve for the future certain fundamental features, including:

- the purpose of the Trusts for the advancement of education, including spiritual, moral, social and physical training
- the support of the Society and its charitable work
- the requirement that the schools must be conducted at all times into the future in accordance with the Philosophy of the Society.

The Philosophy of the Society is as follows: 'to nurture the individual within a caring community so that each will realise his or her full potential to engender Christian values, encourage high academic standards and service to others so that all will have not only one goal, but also the inner strength "to love one another as I have loved you" [St John 13:34].' Within this spirit, the aims and objectives of the Society and the Trustee for St Margaret's are:

- to put love of God above all else and love of one's neighbour as our constant theme
- to produce people of fine character and

scholarship and to develop each to their fullest potential

- to engender courtesy at all times and respect for all
- to try to inculcate the ability to communicate effectively
- to encourage development of initiative and a sense of responsibility
- to provide guidance and counselling for spiritual and personal problems as well as for careers and other matters
- to have every member of the school community working together and faithfully striving to uphold these aims and objectives
- to have each student take part in as many aspects of school life as possible, thus making all students better persons and the school a richer place.

The Trustee is ultimately controlled entirely by The Society of the Sacred Advent. If the Society ceases to exist at a future time, the control of the Trustee will pass to the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane. It is important to note that should the control of the Trustee pass to the Diocese, the fundamental features of the trust arrangement do not change.

The Sisters have ensured that the key traditions of St Margaret's will continue into the future. In particular, the arrangements established by the Sisters require that the Trustee's approval must be sought before:

- making any change to the traditional blue uniform (middy)
- accepting enrolment applications from male students
- making any change to the non-selective enrolment policy of the School.

In addition, the Trustee, with the assistance of the Warden to the Sisters, provides oversight on the Religious Education Policy to ensure a continuation of a relevant Anglican focus.

I hope this information serves to allay the concerns of some past students about the future of the school in terms of ensuring the continuity of the school ethos which we all highly value.

Ros Curtis
Principal

Sisters' News and Events

The Sisters continue to be a constant and reassuring presence around the school, and when they are able, attend as many functions as they can, most recently the annual Old Girls' chapel service, Classics in the Cathedral and the St Margaret's Day assembly, where they were delighted to witness the presentation to Libby Black as Patron for 2015/16.

The passing of Sister June Ruth on 20 July has, of course, been most significant for the Sisters.

Sister Gillian SSA said Sister June Ruth's funeral presided over by the Archbishop was 'very special'. It was wonderful to see both schools represented so well, and the musical numbers presented by their choirs were touching and beautifully performed tributes.

At the funeral, Mother Eunice spoke most fondly of Sister June Ruth, recalling her early days when she first moved to Symes Groves, saying that when the Sisters wanted to speak to her, even on the telephone, they had to make an appointment as she was most often not in her room, but off visiting and chatting with other residents. Mother Eunice said that Sister June Ruth came to the order as a trained lifeline counsellor and connecting with people was what she loved to do the most. She also completed the EFM (Education for Ministry) course and a spiritual direction course, both of which equipped her for parish ministry.

Sister Gillian SSA said Sister June Ruth was particularly good with young people, taking RVE lessons at St Margaret's for some time.

"One of her favourite sayings if the girls were not paying attention or drifting off was, 'it's not time for a KitKat yet'," laughed Sister Gillian.

The Sisters continue to travel to Crows Nest for 10 days each month where they hope their presence encourages those who are members of the Anglican parish.

"We are particularly delighted that the parish in Crows Nest is very well connected with the town in general and that the people of the Anglican parish also visit with other ecumenical groups in town during the week," said Sister Gillian.



Sister June Ruth SSA November 1927 to July 2015

Australia's Longest Morning Tea

Members of the St Margaret's school community never fail to lend their support to fundraising endeavours – particularly when the recipient charity is one so relevant to us all. With the help of several close friends, on 25 May Jill Fox opened her Hendra home to over 60 enthusiastic supporters for an *Australia's Longest Morning Tea* in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Many of our past students, past and present parents, grandparents and friends took part in the happy chatter and laughter – interrupted only by a seemingly never-ending array of superb food and refreshments. The generosity of all resulted in over \$2000 being forwarded to this worthy cause.



LEFT: Sam Fraser (Warren 1989), Lisa Oliver (Nixon 1989), Beverley Fox (Past Patron/Staff), Amanda Bailey (Fox 1988), Jan Moody - President (Biddulph 1956), Anna Sharp (Powell 1986), Matisse Fox (2014), Vanessa Simpson (Murphy 1988)

OGA Scholarship Recipients (2014/15)

News from our 2014-2015 OGA Overseas Scholarship Recipients

Maddison Bowyer (University of Edinburgh, Scotland): I finished my semester abroad at the University of Edinburgh in December 2014. I had a fantastic time living and studying in Scotland. I particularly enjoyed the architecture, and everyone's accents. In addition to my courses, I was able to play netball for a University of Edinburgh team and travel throughout Scotland and England. Since returning to Australia, I have continued working towards my engineering degree back at UQ and hope to graduate at the end of next year.

Ella Gunn (University of Oxford, England): I recently graduated from an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the Department of International Development, University of Oxford. This involved completion of coursework and an individual dissertation of 15,000 words, for which I was awarded a distinction. I am currently completing some work as a Research Assistant in Oxford and further refining my thesis, which I hope to publish in the near future as a working paper with the Refugee Studies Centre.

Grace Mullins (Lund University, Sweden): Thank you to the OGA Study Scholarship program for supporting my studies in law at Lund University in Sweden last year. It was a wonderful experience that led to adventures around northern Europe, which included husky sledding and watching the Northern Lights in Finland. I am now working as a Judge's Associate in the Federal Court in Brisbane and will join a Brisbane law firm as a graduate solicitor in 2016.

OGA Scholarship Winners (2015/16)

Successful candidates for OGA Overseas Study Scholarships



Eloise Bowman (2012)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Business Management & Bachelor of International Hotel and Tourist Management, University of South Carolina, South Carolina-Columbia, USA, 6 months.



Amelia Burnett (2009)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Laws, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 1 semester.



Natalie Charlton (2012) Undergraduate: Bachelor of Business Management & Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Lund University, Sweden, 1 semester.



Amelie Groves (2011)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Arts, University of British Columbia, Canada, 1 semester.



Brooke Henzell (2014)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Barnard College, Columbia University, USA, 4 years.



Tanya Lam (2012)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Business, University of Westminster, UK, 1 semester.



Isabella Smith (2014)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Psychology with a minor in Sports Science and Business, North Carolina State University, USA, 5 years.



Ellie Sutton (2011)
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Business, University of Alabama, USA, 6 months.

OGA Overseas Scholarship 2016 - 2017

Scholarships are available for St Margaret's past students wishing to study overseas. Application forms are available at the following [link](http://www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au) and are due by **Friday 24 June 2016**. The Overseas Study Scholarships provide funds of up to \$5,000 a year. Preference will be given to students studying at an overseas tertiary institution/university for one or more semesters. Candidates studying overseas but not at a university are also welcome to apply.

APPLY ONLINE WWW.STMARGARETS.QLD.EDU.AU

Old Girls on St Margaret's Staff

We recently asked the Old Girls who are currently permanent staff members to get together for a photo and to pen a few words about their lives and connection with the school. What it revealed was that family connections with St Margaret's stay strong down through the generations, and some very fond memories which many Old Girls most likely share.



BACK ROW: Wendy Johnston, Helen Lobbegeiger, Georgina Stevenson, Alice Finlay. THIRD ROW: Nikki Townsend, Fiona Spooner, Vivienne Mace, Deb Giffard. SECOND ROW: Sharon Benson, Bronwyn Perry, Sharon-Lee Sagar. FRONT ROW: Norma Tucker, Amanda Minotti

Sharon-Lee Sagar (Franklin 1973)

My sisters Lorraine (Lorna), Cheryl and I attended St Margaret's in the 60s and early 70s. I graduated in 1973 and joined the National Australia Bank where I worked full time for 10 years, then part-time for 7 years. I was married in 1977 and have two children. Our daughter Kate attended St Margaret's from 2000-04, being school captain in her senior year, a very proud moment indeed. The past 12 years I have worked part-time at St Margaret's in after school care, assistant to the tuckshop convenor and now in the School Supply Shop. My favourite time was performing in the school musicals. I just loved it! I also have made some lifelong friends from school, with whom I keep in touch.

Wendy Johnston (Giddens 1979)

My sister Cindy Pieterse (Giddens 1976) and I attended St Margaret's for our secondary schooling. I went on to study journalism and had a career in the tourism industry before working in education marketing from 2004. I've been at St Margaret's since June 2014 as Director of Marketing and Communications. My daughter Nikki attended St Margaret's (2011) as well as my nieces Taryn (2007) and Kirsty Pieterse (2005). Aside from lifelong friendships formed here, my fondest St Margaret's memories probably involve team sports – netball, softball and ballgames. Whatever happened to ballgames – they were so much fun!?

Bronwyn Perry (Thorley 1968)

I started at St Margaret's in 1963 in Year 7 and finished after Senior in 1968. Then came university and Teachers' College. I taught English and History in Education Department schools and later trained as a teacher-librarian. I came back to St Margaret's in 1982 as head of the library and remained in that role for 23 years. When the Archive Centre was established in 2005, I jumped at the chance to be the school's first archivist and to be involved with preserving our history and traditions. Some of my favourite memories from school days are of the camaraderie of house competitions and of sitting with friends at lunchtime near the breezeway (tunics pulled up to get sun-tanned legs). Now I'm privileged to hear the memories and stories from Old Girls from many different eras and to be able to pass that history on to our current students.

Vivienne Mace (Hawton 1969)

The Hawton family has entrusted St Margaret's to educate fifteen of their daughters from the early 40s until the present day. The Hawtons came from Townsville and educated the first generation of their daughters at St Anne's SSA from 1920-30. After moving to Brisbane, the extended family continued their connection with Society of the Sacred Advent and chose St Margaret's for their girls. The following generations were all in Spenser House: Langsford girls, Margot (1942-46), Helen (1946-47) and Kay (1954-57); the Hawton girls, Robin (1957-60), Leonie (1958-61), Nanette (1962-65), Vivienne (1964-69) and Christine Garven (1964-68). The third generation were Wendy Nixon Smith (1969), Kylie Fox (1987-89), Catriona Morgan (1985-90), Nicola Morgan (1986-88, 1992), Elizabeth Mace (1989-94), Philippa Mace (1992-98) and Stephanie Mace (1994-2000). The girls all embarked on successful careers in teaching, accounting, business, marketing, communications and nursing. Of the original eight girls, seven became teachers and five of those – Margot, Leonie, Nanette, Christine and Vivienne – taught at St Margaret's from the mid-60s to 2015. The fourth generation of Hawton girls are now in line to attend St Margaret's in the coming years – with a Spenser badge on of course.

Georgina Stevenson (Ommensen 1990)

My sister Berthine Ommensen (1988) and I attended St Margaret's in the 80s. I also had three cousins attend St Margaret's as boarders: Rebecca Parsons (Wilkie), Jane Kovac (Wilkie) and Penelope Arthur (Wilkie).

I completed Year 12 in 1990 and continued my studies in education, eventually beginning my teaching career in Winton in 1996. After four years I moved to Moree for two years and then eventually back to Brisbane in 2002, where I fulfilled many teaching contracts. In 2006, I was successful in gaining a teaching position in the Primary School – a dream come true and a proud achievement for me. Working with the girls and staff at St Margaret's is always such a special experience. It is always exciting to see past students return as parents of girls, particularly in my class. Seeing the tradition continue is amazing. My fondest memory of my time at St Margaret's as a student would be, in general, the learning experiences I *always* had with the caring and supportive staff, in particular Sr Chasely. My first meeting with Sr Chasely was before I even started at St Margaret's. I was in Year 7 at Eagle Junction but was given special permission to take the Confirmation classes with the Year 8 students (and with my sister). Arriving late for my first lesson, Sr Chasely made me feel particularly welcome and special and continued to do so, not only for the course of these lessons, but for the next six years at St Margaret's.

Sharon Benson (Bushelle 1976)

I started at St Margaret's in Year 3, 1967. My sister Robyn Bushelle was already here, which was why I desperately wanted to come. Sister Jean-Marie was our Principal and Sister Philippa was my form teacher. I loved them both. Jean-Marie knew every girl's name and would walk around at lunchtime with her bible clutched tightly to her ample bosom. In those days, we were required to stand if a teacher walked into the room or past us in the grounds. I played every sport I could, but loved tennis and gymnastics the most. My favourite memories of school always involved my wonderful friendships and my love of anything musical. Miss Rees and Miss Raymond were my idols. I was a Flight Attendant for TAA/QANTAS for 28 years. I have two children, Emily (22) and Andrew (18). I started here in 2009 for a 12 month contract – still here! I love having contact with the girls now as more of a mother figure... which I'm sure my friends would find hilarious.

Nikki Townsend (1986)

After graduating in 1986, I studied science, education, counselling and leadership. I have over 25 years experience teaching in various educational settings as a dean of pastoral programs, director of sport, head of mathematics and a head of house and year. I was thrilled to be appointed this year as St Margaret's dean of students. My daughter Charlotte is very much looking forward to becoming a St Margaret's student in 2017. My fondest memories are mostly around GPS Saturday sport (now QGSSSA) and my physical education lessons with Miss Surtees and Miss Dyson. I also loved my mathematics classes with Mrs Hoffman. For me it has been an easy transition back to St Margaret's – the staff and students have been very welcoming. Most importantly St Margaret's

gave me a love of learning, a commitment to excellence, confidence to lead, and courage and compassion to make a difference. I also made a wonderful network of lifelong friends for which I am truly grateful. With this in mind, it is only just that I feel I must give back and work with our current and future St Margaret's girls to provide them with continued opportunities that have been for me extremely rich and rewarding.

Fiona Spooner (Ungerer 1987)

My twin sister Nicole, my older sister Lisa and I attended St Margaret's in the 80s. Lisa graduated in 1985 and was School Captain; Nicole and I finished in 1987. I now have one daughter (Isabella) and two nieces (Liliana and Ava Tarabay) attending St Margaret's and one daughter who will attend in two years time. My mother boarded at St Margaret's in the 50s. My fondest memory of St Margaret's was getting to know whole families of girls across different grades. Even then, the sense of community at the school was very strong and friendships did not only happen within your own grade, but across all year levels. These friendships still exist 30 years later. Since leaving school I completed a Bachelor of Business Management and worked in communications until I married and moved to a cattle property in Texas Qld. I have worked at St Margaret's for six months as a boarding supervisor. I love it! I am very fond of the girls and enjoy providing a nurturing home away from home for them.

Amanda Minotti (Mazor 1993)

As a third generation St Margaret's girl who entered into the teaching profession, it only seemed right to come back to the place where it all began. My grandmother, Josephine Johns (1942/3), my mother Pauline Mazor (1965), my aunty Deborah Mazor (1965), my sister Carla Irvine (1997) and myself (1993) were all graduates of St Margaret's. I have very fond memories of my five years at St Margaret's, particularly the lifelong friendships established during that time. It was not until I returned to St Margaret's almost 11 years after graduating that I truly appreciated the exceptional education I received, and the spectacular view! I have been fortunate enough to undertake a number of roles in the past 12 years, including my current position as head of faculty – business and technology and previously as senior year level supervisor. I feel privileged to be able to play a role in educating and nurturing our students and to work alongside a team of dedicated and talented staff.

Helen Lobegeiger (1996)

I commenced my schooling at St Margaret's in 1990 and graduated in 1996. My older sister Melissa (1990) and my cousin Lisa Lobegeiger (1992) also attended. I went on to complete a Bachelor of Education majoring in physical education which led to teaching in a number

of independent girls schools before commencing at St Margaret's in the physical education department in 2003. In 2011, I became the head of sport only to leave the role in 2013 to have triplets! I returned in 2015 in the capacity of academic data manager. My fondest memories I have of school are of the interhouse carnivals, especially swimming, where Kendall was always situated on the grass for always coming last or second last. I also have great memories of playing hockey with girls that ranged from all year levels and despite the age gap we all managed to have a wonderfully good time. Working at St Margaret's I feel is a privilege. It is a school that nurtured my own skills and interests while assisting in areas of weakness, and now I have the opportunity to do the same for the next generation of St Margaret's girls which is not only exciting but fulfilling.

Deb Giffard (Bywater 1981)

I have a long association with St Margaret's with my mum, Margaret Wilson (Lavery 1946-59), aunt Elizabeth Kibble (Lavery 1951-65), sisters Amanda Warmington (Bywater 1984), Belinda Bywater (1984), Candice Bywater (2002), daughters Zoe (2009) and Phoebe (2011) and niece Georgia Warmington in Year 11 all having attended or still attending St Margaret's. Leaving school I moved to Sydney and studied Karitane Mothercraft Nursing then moved into administration work. I have been a PA to an otologist, general surgeon and school principal, before moving back to Brisbane to commence work as an assistant at the School Supply Shop when Zoe started Year 8 in 2005. I am fortunate to have a great working environment with wonderful staff, diversely talented girls and time off every school holidays!

News of Old Girls



Left to Right: Jenny Lishman and students of 2007: Hannah Thomson, Annabelle Thompson, Jessica Hook (Chiababaglio), Rachel Bartels, Anna Ulcoq



Jessica and Anthony Hook

Congratulations to Old Girl **Jessica Hook (Chiababaglio 2007)** on her recent nuptials. After graduating from university Jess moved to the UK to work and during this time crossed paths with Anthony Hook. They decided to make a life together and celebrated with a garden party and blessing on the 24 July 2015. The wedding ceremony was held on the Powerhouse Performance Lawn in Brisbane, with many family and friends in attendance. Jess and Anthony intend to move back to Brisbane in the not too distant future.

OGA Social



From the Archives

Old Girls and their families have been very generous once again this year with many donations to the Archive Centre. Gifts of memorabilia have ranged from copies of *The Link*, newspaper clippings, blazer pockets to sports bags. Just a few of these recent donations include:

Keri Craig-Lee (Craig 1975) – sports bag belonging to Keri's aunt Jill Craig (1956).

Bev Grimmer (Fegan 1954) – badges and hatband.

Enid Hamilton (Nutting 1955) – collar signed by all the girls in her year.

Clavdia Hodgson (Fitilago 1952) – a Tennis Improvement Medal from 1912 belonging to Clavdia's step-mother, Zillah Porteous. The four Porteous sisters came from a property outside St George and boarded at Eton High at Toorak House and later at St Margaret's House. Zillah obviously enjoyed playing sport. She was awarded a rowing blazer in 1915 and wrote a rowing song which was published in *The Link*.

*Rowing, rowing, rowing
In the good old middies blue,
Cox, and bow, and every other stroke
We're pulling well and true.*

Pett Rayner (Francis 1941) – blazer pocket, chapel veil, boarders' luggage tags and a prospectus from the 30s. The prospectus includes a new photo of one of the dormitories in West Wing that we haven't seen previously.

Elaine Reiger (Doig 1962) – badges, gloves, rosette and ribbons belonging to her sister, Joan Doig (1953).

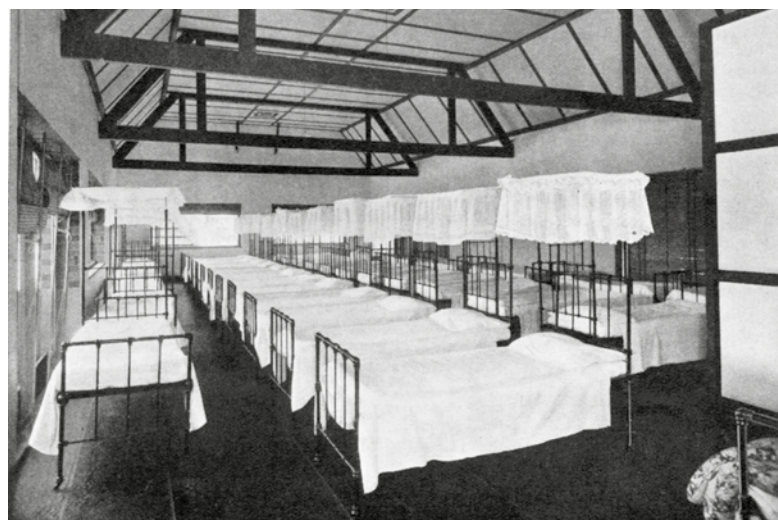
Susan Ryerson (1962) – copies of *The Link* from the 50s and 60s.

Sandra May (Clugston 1960), Doreen MacGowan (Crawley 1955), Val Donovan (Adams 1952), Diana Caie (Cameron 1955), Julie-Anne Hood (Griffiths 1975) and Hazel Duncan (Woodrow 1947) have all provided photos which have been scanned and included in our photo collection. **Betty Bromfield (Sheridan 1940)** donated a photo album of photos from the 30s – it is a wonderful record of school life from that era.

Students' snapshots of their school days are an invaluable resource for documenting the history and traditions of the school. The formal team photos paint



Betty Bromfield – Studying in the library 1939



Senior Dorm, 1940

one picture of school life, but it is the spur of the moment snapshots taken in the classroom or at lunchtime which reflect the spirit of being a St Margaret's girl.

We are starting to scan photos to display at next year's reunions – if you have any photos you would like included, please get in touch. We are particularly looking for photos from the 1956, 1966, 1976 and 1986 cohorts. Often photos are donated to the archives, but if you can't bear to part with them just yet, we are happy to scan and return them to you.

The uniform collection is growing but we are still looking for examples of older style uniforms – panamas, gloves, socks, middies, collars, sports uniforms and boarders' uniforms.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Archive Centre, and please continue cleaning out all those cupboards and boxes. We will be delighted to give any St Margaret's memorabilia a happy 'new' home.

Bronwyn Perry
School Archivist

St Margaret's College



This year has seen the beginning of a new era for the school with the opening of St Margaret's College – a residence for young women studying at university in Brisbane. Young women with a focus on academic excellence are encouraged to apply.

The college is housed in what used to be the sisters' retreat, next to the old School House building on Lapraik Street. The newly renovated building has 25 fully air-conditioned, single and double bedrooms with city and garden views, beautiful large living spaces and the original working fire place. The college includes full board with all meals catered for, utilities, free wifi and 24 hour health care. Dr Kylie Armstrong was welcomed to the community as the college director and has seen it go from strength to strength with all students achieving excellent academic results at their respective universities in Semester 1 this year.

Four girls took up residence of the college in its inaugural year and, moving forward, the goal is to fill the remaining places for 2016. Ultimately, when the college is running at full capacity, the proceeds will be used for the restoration of School House. It will be lovely to see this beautiful building returned to its former glory.

Employment opportunities are also available at the school to college residents for suitable applicants. The college is seeking women pursuing undergraduate and post graduate studies in Brisbane, who are compassionate, vital, emboldened, curious and aspirational. While the college is not restricted to Old Girls, it would be lovely to keep the school spirit within the college with many Old Girls applying.

For enquiries or to book a tour, please call 07 3862 0850 or email reception@stmargaretscollege.com.au

St Margaret's Patron - Mrs Libby Black

At the St Margaret's Day Service on Friday 24 July, Mrs Libby Black was announced as the St Margaret's Patron for 2015-2016. The award of this position to Libby acknowledges her many contributions to the life of the school, in particular her years of service to the Old Girls' Association. During her time as president of the association, she championed a number of very significant projects, such as the refurbishment of the unique Reredos in the school chapel, ongoing support of the archives, and overseas scholarships to assist past students at both pre and post graduate levels. The results of Libby's time, efforts and foresight will continue to benefit the school community for years to come.



In response to questions from students at the service, Libby explained her belief in the value of connecting and engaging when she said: 'I think connecting is all about how you relate to people – the relationships you create and how you develop and maintain these relations (such as) giving a smile, an email, a text, a phone call... Engaging, to me, involves a decision making process by the individual. It's making decisions about taking on specific roles and responsibilities. For example, taking on a leadership position, agreeing to be a committee member or deciding on a new job. Once you have committed to engage, connecting becomes more relevant and productive.' Libby spoke fondly of her schooldays and the values learned at St Margaret's – the most important being respect, always doing your best and being part of a team. She also emphasised the value of the traditional aspects of the school – those that are ongoing such as the school uniform, the foresight of the Sisters and school principals in maintaining many traditions, and in introducing new, relevant traditions.

Congratulations to Mrs Libby Black – past student, past parent and immediate past president of the OGA – you have certainly earned the honour of being St Margaret's Patron.

Bev Fox

St Margaret's Patron 2013

Inaugural Past Students Award

The 2015 Winter Wonderland Community Ball provided the ideal occasion at which to announce the winners of St Margaret's inaugural Past Student Awards. We congratulate winners Keri Craig-Lee and Gwyneth Olsen (see profiles below). Any current or past member of the St Margaret's community can nominate a past student for either the Distinguished Past Student Award or the Young Past Student of Distinction Award. Award nominees will be reviewed by the selection panel and assessed on their significant contributions or achievements in their professions, communities and/or their volunteer work.

Details on how to nominate yourself or a worthy recipient are outlined in the nomination forms which can be downloaded from the website, or by clicking the following [link](#).

Applications close 5pm **Monday 7 March 2016**. Winners will be announced at a dinner on **Friday 15 April, 2016**.

DISTINGUISHED PAST STUDENT AWARD



Keri Craig-Lee

Position: Director
Graduation: 1975

Keri Craig-Lee is a well-known fashion designer and retailer, recognised Australia wide for her contribution to the fashion world. Educated at St Margaret's from 1970-75, Keri quickly established her own label *Keri Craig* and went on to open several boutiques in Brisbane and Sydney, with her label becoming available nationwide and overseas. Inducted into the RAQ Hall of Fame by the age of 28, Keri has had a long and distinguished career, collecting over 50 accolades for excellence in her endeavours. Keri was the first Queenslander to be nominated for a FIA Australian Fashion Award, consequently becoming extensively involved in judging both fashion and tourism. She

has been a tourist ambassador for Brisbane, a Zonta Woman of the Year, a generous benefactor to schools and universities and is now enjoying a mentoring role supporting a Bond University Vice Chancellor Scholarship recipient. Today, Keri is actively involved in her husband Trevor's family business, Australian Country Choice. The family business has grown into one of the largest private companies in the state, achieving much recognition along the way. In addition to her connection as an Old Girl, Keri has also been a member of the parent body of St Margaret's since her daughter, now in Year 12, began in Prep. Keri is a role model for our students, not only for the many achievements throughout her career, but also for living and upholding the values of a St Margaret's girl.

YOUNG PAST STUDENT OF DISTINCTION AWARD



Gwyneth Olsen (Sedgwick)

Position: Chief Winemaker and General Manager, Briar Ridge Vineyard
Graduation: 2000

Throughout her school life, Gwyneth proudly fulfilled the role of a St Margaret's girl. She was prefect and school sacristan in her senior year, as well as being a valuable member of the boarding community. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Graduate Diploma in Oenology (the science and study of wine and wine making), she is thriving in her chosen profession and has earned recognition for her contribution and influence within the winemaking industry. Gwyneth's achievements so early in her career are impressive. With three trophies to her name already, she was recently awarded

the prestigious Gourmet Travellers WINE's Young Winemakers Medal, and achieved DUX at the Australian Wine Research Institute in 2012. Her ascension in the wine industry now sees her judging at wine shows around Australia. Throughout her studies and career, Gwyneth has proven herself to be a valuable role model for young women striving to *fly upwards*. Her energy and positivity demonstrate key values of a St Margaret's girl. She is confident, capable, compassionate and a contributing member of the community.

From the Director of Development and Community

This year St Margaret's kept alive the tradition of welcoming the 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 year reunions and played host to each celebration at the school as part of St Margaret's Day festivities. The journey of having been a St Margaret's student continues for a lifetime and reconnecting with the school bears significant importance to each past student.

The reunions are a great opportunity for friendship and companionship to be reignited, remembered and cherished, and the school is delighted to be involved and play host to such important milestones.



For some, receiving an invitation to their class reunion (whatever the decade), can initiate all sorts of questions: Who is going? Will I know anyone there? What will I wear? It would be fair to say that if this was your reunion year, you were not alone in these thoughts! Questioning aside, this year we saw great numbers attend their milestone reunions:

2005 (10 Year)	16 guests	1985 (30 Year)	57 guests	1965 (50 Year)	35 guests
1995 (20 Year)	78 guests	1975 (40 Year)	41 guests	1955 (60 Year)	14 guests

The VIP 60+ Reunion attracted 53 past students who attended St Margaret's 60 or more years ago. Their annual morning tea was highlighted by the genuine valuing of the history of St Margaret's and the treasured appreciation of lasting friendships.

It was wonderful to see women across all cohorts enjoy each other's company and celebrate life's changes. Feedback indicated the event proved to be a wonderful rejuvenating experience reminiscing about the 'old days'. Photos were brought along for all to see; memories and laughs were shared.

What contributes to these events is the happy embrace of the St Margaret's identity and values, combined with a proud gratefulness of what an education at St Margaret's gave to each past student – whether it be 10 or 60 years ago! The energy each cohort brings to their reunion is truly what makes their gathering so enjoyable.

Our appreciation goes to each of the school captains and reunion coordinators who gave their time in contacting students from their year level and generating great interest and enthusiasm for others to attend.

Our well wishes are extended to each of the past students that journeyed back to the school and we thank you for returning and sharing your memories.

Luanne Wishart

SCHOOL REUNIONS 2016 – Remembering Your Leaders!

10 Year (2006)	20 Year (1996)	30 Year (1986)	40 Year (1976)	50 Year (1966)	60 Year (1956)
School Captains	School Captains	School Captains	School Captains	School Captains	School Captain
Caitlin Filmer Kate Bondfield	Kate Gibson Amanda Honour	Elizabeth Finney Linda Schlencker	Judith Neilson Lynn Stuart	Kathryn Wark Alyson Blaikie	Kathryn Hodgkinson
Old Girls' Prize	Old Girls' Prize	Old Girls' Prize	Old Girls' Prize	Old Girls' Prize	Old Girls' Prize
Caitlin Filmer	Amanda Honour	Elizabeth Finney	Doune McDonald	Kathryn Wark	Kathryn Hodgkinson

For those approaching their milestone reunions in 2016, here's some tips for enjoying a great class reunion:

- Go with an attitude of having fun!
- Be yourself.
- Remember everyone will have changed. You're not alone.
- It's perfectly okay to not remember somebody – our memories all fade – that's why name tags were invented!
- Your happy energy is infectious - always a proud St Margaret's girl.

OGA Reunions

10 YEAR AND 20 YEAR JOINT REUNION



30 YEAR REUNION



40 YEAR REUNION



50 YEAR REUNION



60 YEAR REUNION



VIP REUNION



St Margaret's Chapel Baptisms *for Old Girls*

NAME	SCHOOL SURNAME	DATE
Penelope Burge	daughter of Sophie Burge (Dunn 1998)	15/2/15
Caroline Mascheroni	daughter of Amber Willink (2002)	30/8/15
Chloe Field	daughter of Laura Filed (Allen 2002)	30/8/15
Phoebe Iris	daughter of Regina and Christopher Mulvihill	23/11/14
Harry James Mace	son of James and Stephanie Griffith	8/12/14
Ingrid Rose	daughter of Brendan and Elizabeth Hannan	8/12/14

Remembering St Margaret's Old Girls

The following past students are recorded as deceased 2014-2015:

NAME	SCHOOL SURNAME	ALUMNI YEAR
Margaret Clark-Dickson	(McCullagh)	1934
Vero Henzell	(Richardson)	1935
Joan Akers	(Herbert)	1937
Lola McCausland	(McCausland)	1940
Gay Fetherstonhaugh	(Ashburn)	1941
Phyllis Stubbins	(Brewer-Charles)	1946
Pamela Rowell	(Rowell)	1947
Barbara Hebden	(Hebden)	1948
Val Howard	(Brennan)	1949
Dolores McMahon	(Holt)	1950
Pat Cranston	(Coulson)	1951
Valmai Braithwaite	(Tucker)	1956
Kay Campbell	(Cormie)	1959
Diana Elias	(Patterson)	1959
Jan Park	(Brown)	1961
Perri Purnell	(Cameron)	1965
Helen Thiele	(Blumson)	1965
Kym Darrouzet	(Rogers)	1972
Andrea Drobinski	(Drobinski)	1973
Meredith Milkman	(Fogg)	1974
Janet Keniger	(Bodman)	1987
STAFF		
Nev Langford	Tennis Coach	1980 to 1997

Upcoming Events

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK

These events are designed to provide professional networking forums for past students, past and current parents, and all members of the wider community. Everyone is welcome. Event details are as follows:

ACF **Friday 16 October** **6:00pm**
Conversations at Cocktail Hour
with *Keri Craig-Lee*

OGA BRUNCH

ACF **Sunday 25 October** **9:00am**
with *Anne Muggleton*
and *Rosemary Willink*

OGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Mooloolumburram. All past students are most welcome to attend and we look forward to your involvement in 2016. See nomination forms for all positions below.

MOO **Thursday 3 December** **7:15pm**

For further information contact Jan Moody on:
Mobile 0418758403 or janice_moody01@bigpond.com

Annual General Meeting Nomination Form



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

NOMINATION FORM

The OGA General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3 December 2015 at 7:15pm at the school in the Mooloolumburram meeting room. Please utilise the form below to submit your nominations for the Committee and send to Jan Moody, OGA President C/- 11 Petrie Street Ascot QLD 4007 by **26 November 2015**.

I nominate _____ for the position of;

President

Honorary Treasurer

Vice President

Committee Member

Honorary Secretary

Name of Person Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Person Nominating: _____

Name of person supporting the nominating: _____ Date: _____

Signature of person supporting the nominating: _____