



Networking Breakfast Wednesday 15 March 2017

with guest speaker
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Q and A with Guest Speaker and St Margaret's Old Girl Penelope Twemlow ('00)

You have achieved a lot since your time at St Margaret's; is there a particular stand out moment for you in your career?

I've experienced a number of standout moments in my career. My passing out parade for the Royal Australian Navy filled me with pride and the determination to uphold the honour and integrity of the commission I was being afforded. Graduating with a double Masters degree which was completed whilst working full-time with the Australian Defence Forces was certainly a feat that I was proud of. The day I was offered the CEO position was very exhilarating and a little nerve wracking.

Being named as Queensland's Telstra Business Woman of the Year for the For Purpose and Social Enterprise category was simultaneously humbling, gratifying and motivating.

I've been lucky to experience such exciting times, but the most satisfying ones are often the quiet 'thank you' from a team I have been building, or appreciation from a colleague for the support I have offered, or just reviewing my business day and thinking, "yup, I did well today. What can I do better tomorrow?" Life is made up of lots of these moments, so I try not to miss their quiet impacts amidst the noise of the big occasions.

How did your experience at St Margaret's prepare you for your career?

St Margaret's taught me to be bold, strong and to believe in myself. The school turns out well polished and confident women. My parents say that St Margaret's taught me and my sisters how to behave in any situation, and I think that's probably an overlooked personal skill.

If you had one piece of advice for senior girls today, what would it be?

Do not settle on what other people tell you about life and what other people say about your own potential – they do not know. This is your own unique life. Live it first hand, and find answers for yourself. Believe in your self-authority and believe that you are completely equipped and sanctioned to find your own path and your own truth.

Learn more about this inspirational woman when you join us for our first 2017 PWN breakfast on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 7.00am. Tickets can be purchased via Flexischools.