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FELLOWSHIP



Honouring your gift

St Catherine's School
Waverley



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Valuing your contribution

Many of you will have given to St Catherine's in the past and for that we thank you. Some of you may be thinking about making a gift to St Catherine's for the first time. A bequest would make a valuable contribution to the future planning for the school.

The Fielding Fellowship has been established to honour and recognise members of our community for their generosity and foresight in making a bequest to the school. We trust that the information contained in this brochure will assist you in making this important decision.

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Daisye

Erica

Enid

Ruth

Una



Fielding sisters' memorabilia from the St Catherine's museum archive.



The Fielding Fellowship

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The last of the sisters, Miss Ruth Fielding, died in 1992 and her wish was to establish a scholarship fund at St Catherine's to which she remained fondly attached throughout her life. Ruth Fielding was one of the founding members of the St Catherine's Old Girls' Union. The scholarship commenced in 1994 and continues today to recognise students of exceptional ability.

Our vision for a
St Catherine's girl is:

*"That she is secure in her
character, confident in her
abilities, respectful in her
manner, and equipped to
make her unique
contribution to the world."*



Why bequests are important to St Catherine's

For well over 150 years, St Catherine's girls have forged their way with all the benefits of a St Catherine's education. Your bequest, made to support the school's philanthropic programs, will provide for generations of St Catherine's students long into the future.

St Catherine's income is derived primarily from school fees and government grants of which 71% is directed towards staffing and associated teaching costs. Through your bequest, you will not only invest in St Catherine's future but you will also assist in ensuring our girls reach their maximum potential.

Frequently asked questions

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift specified in your will which provides a way for you to make a lasting gift while still enjoying your assets during your lifetime.

How do I make a bequest?

Your bequest is a very personal decision and there are a number of ways you can make this valuable contribution to St Catherine's:

- By bequeathing a specific sum of money, entirely of your choice, which may be a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate.
- By bequeathing non-cash assets such as property, paintings, shares, etc.

Bequests are generally of two types:

- 1. Unrestricted:** An unrestricted bequest leads to your gift being allocated at the Headmistress' discretion to where it is needed most at the time of receipt.
- 2. Restricted:** If you have a particular passion, perhaps for a scholarship or specific academic area, you may wish to consider a restricted bequest directed to that particular purpose.

We recommend that you involve your family in your decision and that you seek the advice of your solicitor. Making a bequest does not always entail re-writing your will. A simple codicil provides an easy option for this special gift.

You might like to consider the following wording:

"I give to St Catherine's School, Waverley [description of bequest] and I direct that the receipt of the Headmistress or the Director of Finance shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for this bequest".

Do I have to tell St Catherine's what I am leaving?

No, but it is always helpful for the school to know as your gift will assist with future planning. Please be assured your bequest notification will always be treated with respect and confidentiality.

Do I have to be an Old Girl to leave a bequest?

No, not at all. We are delighted if any members of our school community choose to leave a bequest.

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It is important to us that we honour your gift and so encourage you to notify the school that you have left a bequest. You will then automatically become a member of the Fielding Fellowship established to acknowledge those who make this special gift to the school. This is an honorary membership in recognition of your generosity and commitment to the future of St Catherine's.

We thank you for your consideration of the future of St Catherine's. We look forward to your engagement through the Fielding Fellowship and to welcoming you on future occasions where Fielding Fellows will be honoured and invited to participate in the life of the school.

Testimonial

“As a past parent I have been an active member of the St Catherine’s community for many years. I now take much delight in being part of the future fabric of the school in the knowledge that my bequest to St Catherine’s will contribute towards the future of the school.

My daughters received much from dedicated teaching staff and facilities at the school during their years there and our family believes that helping to provide for future girls is an important responsibility. Contributing to any community we are involved in during our life is a positive and enduring legacy.” Mrs Cathy Mathews

Become a member of the Fielding Fellowship

If you wish to indicate your support for St Catherine’s School by making a bequest and becoming a member of the Fielding Fellowship, please complete this form and return it to the school. This is not a legal document, but an indication of your intentions.

PLEASE TICK ALL RELEVANT BOXES:

- I intend to make a bequest to St Catherine’s School Waverley.
- I wish to advise that I have included St Catherine’s School Waverley as a beneficiary in my Will.
- I prefer no public acknowledgment of my bequest.
- I would like the school to know the following about my bequest (*please attach*).
- Please contact me to discuss my bequest.

Name _____

Signed _____ Dated / / _____

Maiden name _____

Year of leaving St Catherine’s _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

TICK ONE: Old Girl Present/past parent
 Present/past staff Friend of St Catherine’s
Thank you for your gift.

PLEASE EMAIL TO: St Catherine’s Head of Community Relations via
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