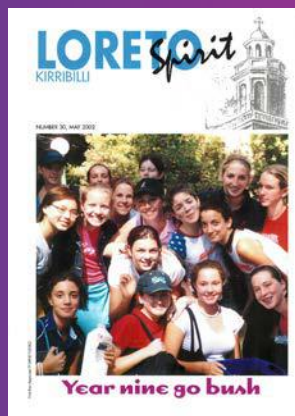


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Front cover: The Verity Immersion trip to North East Arnhem Land is an educational and spiritual experience for all who attend. This image portrays the sense of belonging as the visitors learn about the Yolngu people's sacred heritage and their connection to land.

Looking back: As we celebrate our 115th anniversary, we look back over 30 years of Spirit magazine. The cover of the May 2002 edition shows a happy group of Year 9 campers getting ready to 'go bush' for a two-day leadership retreat.



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A Message from the Principal

MRS ANNA DICKINSON



Term 2 is a busy time in the life of our school community with three events which are highlights of our school year, our May Day celebrations, Junior School Concert and Music Festival. Along with many others, these events have helped forge the tradition of our school where we honour our past, celebrate our present and inspire our future.

We observed our long-held Loreto tradition, celebrating May Day with a K-12 Procession and Liturgy in honour of Our Lady. This Marian-themed event helps us to start the month of May, Mary's month in our Church, reflecting upon the role of strong women in our lives, so that we can draw on the strength shown to us by Our Lady, Mary Ward and Mother Gonzaga Barry. Their lives were dedicated to doing God's will in whatever way they could.

May Day commenced with a procession involving each student leaving flowers in the hedge bordering the main drive in front of the statue of Our Lady. Additional flowers were later taken to James Milson Retirement Village as a gift to the wider community. Our beautiful and moving Liturgy in the Centenary Hall also included the traditional crowning of Mary by the youngest student in Kindergarten, Charlotte Ho, assisted by our School Captain, Coco Gracie.

May Day continued with a range of activities, performances and fundraising efforts, making this a very special day in our Loreto calendar. The day concluded when a rock-star welcome awaited talented ex-student Prinnie Stevens ('97) at the Senior School Concert. Prinnie is a producer, writer, performer and talent scout for TV, stage and film. Prinnie brought the house down with her selection of pop songs and show tunes, and had an important message for the students. *"Put yourself into all that you do,"* Prinnie told the girls. *"Whether it's school work or extra-curricular - it all goes into your life. Being an all-rounder in school will translate into life. The Loreto*

spirit is never fearful, and the school spirit means being loyal, always showing up, no matter what's going on. It's about supporting each other and helping each other get where you want to be."

As well as being a day of reflection on our Loreto history and a day of fun and joy, our May Day celebrations have a very important intent, fundraising to assist Mary Ward International to support and sustain projects in Timor Leste, including our Loreto preschool. We thank Sr Jwan Kada ibvm for her inspirational address, reinforcing the importance of our fundraising appeal.

I have discovered over the years how generous this Loreto community is and I thank all families for their contributions which support the work of the Loreto Sisters.

It was delightful to attend this year's Junior School Concert, 'Zoomania'. I congratulate all our Junior School students and teachers on the joyful and entertaining performances. It was evident that the students were having so much fun performing for their families, who were beaming with pride as they watched the girls sing, dance, play musical instruments, demonstrate their drama skills and so much more. Well done to one and all!

Term 2 culminated in our magnificent Music Festival.

This much-loved concert is more than a single night of excellence, with over 250 students auditioning this year for the opportunity to perform. I congratulate each and every one of them - the standard throughout the entire adjudication period was exceptional.

The journey towards the finale concert helps our students learn a lot about themselves and their peers. There is always ample laughter, lots of fun and collegiality. Our investment of time and energy in developing expertise in Performing Arts is part of our mission of educating the whole child, a mission that Loreto Kirribilli celebrates and has been engaged in for 115 years.

Our students set the bar very high each year. The breadth of talent we see and hear in every performance never ceases to amaze me. Our Music Festival truly was a night of excellence and once again a celebration of the passion, the high expectations and commitment of our students and staff. Forgive me if I echo the words of a former Olympics President to declare that our 2023 Music Festival was the best one ever!

As we celebrate these long-standing traditions, we inaugurate new ones, and I am sure that our Junior School Pyjama Day will be one of those. Our Student Representative Council organised Pyjama Day to promote student wellbeing. Students were invited to wear winter full length pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and joggers. We managed to pick the coldest day - a chilly 6 degrees - to hold our Pyjama Day but our Junior School students were nice and cosy and everyone was very happy to be rugged up. Students joined in 'Movie and Popcorn' at lunchtime. Families were invited to donate to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal specifically for 'Women's Care Packs'. Once again, the generosity of our school community was evident, supporting the important work of Vinnies. I believe Pyjama Day and its support for such a worthwhile cause will become a Loreto tradition, joining a host of others.

These events, and so many more, give vibrancy to the life of a Loreto Kirribilli student. They focus our efforts on demonstrating excellence in all that we do and provide evidence once again that generosity of heart and spirit is a hallmark of our life as a Loreto school.

During the holiday period we were delighted to finalise our search for the new Deputy Principal. I am very pleased to announce that after a recruitment search by Korn Ferry, Miss Romalina Rocca has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal K-12 at Loreto Kirribilli.

Miss Rocca has extensive leadership experiences in curriculum, student wellbeing and as a member of the School Executive as Subject Coordinator, acting Head of

Positive Education, Director of Student Wellbeing and most recently as the Head of the Senior School.

The recruitment process attracted many experienced applicants, and it was a unanimous decision of the selection panel to recommend Miss Rocca as the preferred applicant in this strong field. Joining me on the selection panel for the role was Dr Nicole Archard, who will commence as Principal of Loreto Kirribilli in Term 1 2024; Ms Kim Wickham, Principal Loreto Coorparoo; and Ms Sheila McGregor, Chair Loreto Kirribilli School Board. We congratulate Miss Rocca on this appointment.

As I write this article, Term 3 has just commenced following a holiday period where our school was a hive of activity, with HSC classes, ongoing defect rectification work, general maintenance, and support staff work. We hosted the NSW History Teachers' Association Conference, we held a parent consultation workshop on the emergence of AI, and our students were offered an Immersion experience to Arnhem Land and a Snowsports Camp. Phew! All of that in a three-week holiday break!

We look forward to so many important events occurring this term, with final preparations for the HSC, Trial exams, subject selection processes, student leadership training and elections, Spring Fair, Book Week, Science Week, Art, Drama, Music and TAS showcases and exhibitions, Grand Finals in sport, Grandparents High Teas, P&F Sports Lunch, Sacramental programs, Year 12 Graduation experiences and our staff spirituality day. Another very special term brimming with spirit-filled events and community engagement.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS



Our Principal, Mrs Anna Dickinson, has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Teachers' Guild of NSW and the ACEL NSW Leadership Award for her outstanding professional contribution to education and for making a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Sharing our Faith

VERITY IMMERSION



This experience encourages me to fight harder and louder for Indigenous voices to be heard but more importantly to listen, and encourage other people to listen to them.

XANTHE BELETICH Year 11



I thoroughly enjoyed learning about the stories of the land and how it is our 'supermarket' as Marcus said, as it provides you with everything you need - food, water and medicine.

MILLIE LOWDEN Year 11

My highlights... simply being present and talking to the family, who welcomed all of us and were willing and able to educate us and answer our questions. I truly enjoyed absorbing everything.

EMILY D'SOUZA Year 11



Sharing our Faith

VERITY IMMERSION

The Verity Immersion trip to North East Arnhem Land gives students and staff the opportunity to experience Indigenous culture and teachings first hand. At a recent Staff Development Day, two members of staff shared their reflections of their Immersion experience.

To say that Verity Immersion was transformational doesn't even go half way to express how the time in North East Arnhem Land changed me. From the start, the order of the day was just to surrender. Surrender to the unknown, surrender to yolngu time and surrender with an open heart.

The highlight of the trip for me though, was the privilege I had to share with the family some of my thoughts after this amazing week:

You have named us, made us your sisters, children, aunties and mothers. You have shared your stories and now we are forever interconnected to you and your country, not only through the morning star, but through our commitment to shine your light, and in our commitment to seek out and listen to the hidden truths of our First Nations people as they continue to be today.

Thank you for your generosity and the gifts of laughter, culture and wisdom. It is because of you that we are able to return to our families, our school and our communities with the knowledge to be truth tellers. Thank you!

JULIE DEWIS

Junior School Learning Support Coordinator



The immersion is called the Verity Immersion, and we know that this core Loreto value asks us to be seekers of truth, to find the truth of who we are and what gives meaning to our lives. My reconciliation journey has been my own search for truth, to understand how my history and my family's history interconnect with our country's past, present, and future relationships with First Nations peoples.

One memory of my Immersion experience stands out for me. Across from our tents was the knowledge tree, a sacred space and the site of generations of ceremonies. I woke in the early hours of the morning and went outside my tent. The embers of a fire were still burning underneath this tree and I felt what I can only describe as a sense of awe of something immensely ancient and greater than me. I glimpsed, just for a moment, connection to country.

MAT CLAUSEN

Drama Coordinator

Sharing our Faith



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 2 students received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our School Chapel, a wonderful celebration with parents in attendance and Fr Ramesh Richards SJ and Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja SJ presiding.

"We began the special Liturgy by walking down the aisle of the Loreto Kirribilli Chapel... we sang songs, prayed, and reflected. We were individually invited to the altar by the priests to say what we were sorry for, what we had learnt from our mistakes, and what choice we would make next time to better the outcome. The Liturgy was followed by a lovely morning tea with delicious cupcakes, popcorn and juice. It was the best day and one we will always remember!"

TABITHA CHIANG & MADELINE LEE Year 2



MOTHER DAUGHTER MASS

Our Ex-Students' Union, under the leadership of Celia Sheldon, hosted our annual Mother Daughter Mass, celebrated by Fr Richard Leonard SJ, and ably supported by Ms Josie Ryan and our Year 11 parents. This was the 40th anniversary of this felicity-filled celebration. We thank all those who contributed to making this Mass such a beautiful experience, including Anne Bortolussi and her daughter Emily for delivering the reflection on their precious mother-daughter relationship.

"My mum can always tell when something's wrong, when I'm stressing over something, or I just need to be left alone; she is there with the right things to say to make me feel better."

EMILY BORTOLUSSI Year 12



MOTHERS' DAY LITURGY

The Junior School Mothers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy was a wonderful celebration of motherhood and a welcome opportunity for our mothers, grandmothers and mother figures to connect as a community.

Ms Amelia Granturco prepared a thoughtful Liturgy and Mrs Linda Walburn led the Petite Voices in a heart-warming rendition of *The Greatest Love* by Whitney Houston. Verity Hynes and her mum, Anna Hynes, shared a beautiful reflection about the gift of motherhood.

Social Justice

RECONCILIATION WEEK

"Reconciliation is an inherently human need and experience. It is also, in our context, religious language, an added reason for not shirking from it. In our Catholic tradition, reconciliation is a sacrament. And sacraments are seen to be done. They are public expressions - like a baptism or eucharist or marriage - not fine words and intentions whispered in private. Sacraments are calls to action. Where you enact in faith what you believe." **FR ROSS JONES SJ**



FIRST NATIONS' PRAYER SERVICE

As part of our Companions in Learning program, our Junior School Student Representative Council joined students from St Aloysius' College, Redfern Jarjum College and St Ignatius' College Riverview, for a First Nations Prayer Service. Uncle Elvis, a proud Kamilaroi man, performed a smoking ceremony as we prayed for healing and reconciliation.

CHARISM DAY

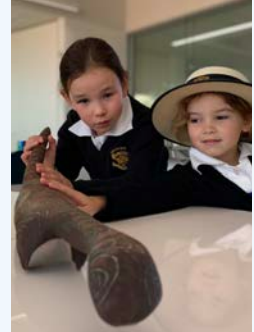
Year 9 students marked Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week with a Charism Day, which included a symbolic walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to St Mary's Cathedral, commemorating the Walk for Reconciliation in the year 2000. Students reflected on the theme for NRW2023, 'Be a voice for generations'.



INDIGENOUS WORKSHOPS

During National Reconciliation Week, the Junior School welcomed Dave Harrington from Stone and Bones. Dave engaged students with age-appropriate activities to promote cultural knowledge and share the richness and resilience of our Indigenous cultures.

"We are lucky enough to share a continent with the world's oldest culture and they have a lot to teach us." **DAVE HARRINGTON**



Social Justice

HELEN THOMAS | DIRECTOR OF MISSION K-12



SOCIAL AWARENESS - LIVE@LUNCH

During Reconciliation Week we held two of our Social Awareness Live@Lunch sessions. Amanda Morgan, a Yorta Yorta woman who is a trauma-informed victim-survivor advocate, and graduate with a Bachelor of Psychology and a Bachelor of Law, spoke to the students and addressed how we can be a voice for reconciliation and put a stop to racism. Her clear message was *"Don't be silent. If you hear or see something, speak up respectfully. Don't roll your eyes. Don't walk away."*

Ward's chosen House charity project this year is House of Welcome. The House of Welcome exists to welcome, shelter and empower refugees and people seeking asylum. Andreina Lugo, Work & Welcome Project Officer and Leonie Dyer, Community Engagement and Partnerships Manager were our guest speakers and spoke about the work they do helping refugees and people seeking asylum.



SEEKERS OF TRUTH AND DOERS OF JUSTICE

During May Day, in between the Liturgy and the fundraising stalls and concert, students engaged in justice activities, including an empathy task circle conversation followed by a Justice pledge. Students were invited to reflect and make a pledge 'to be seekers of truth and doers of justice'. The pledges were later glued to the Year Group boards by the Student Representative Council and are now displayed in the Senior School Quad for all to see.

PYJAMA PARTY

On the day of the Winter Solstice, our Junior School Student Representative Council organised a Pyjama Day to promote student wellbeing, and help women in need at the same time. Classes were held in winter pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and trackies, with pillows and teddy bears in tow! Junior School families kindly donated women's care items for the St Vincent De Paul Society's Winter Appeal, which is addressing the increasing number of older women experiencing homelessness.



Social Justice

COMMUNITY SERVICE



My time volunteering at James Milson Village, only minutes up the street from our school, has truly enriched my life and familiarised me with the community. I enjoy the time we spend with the residents so much. Bringing a smile to their face melts my heart and brings me so much joy.

I can imagine from the perspective of the residents, who may rarely get visitors, how our visits are a beacon of light and hope! It also reminds them that someone cares about them.

It gives us better understanding of how to grow as a person and how you fit into the world around you.

All Year 10 students participated in a semester of Community Service as part of the Religious Education program. Community Service reflects on integral aspects of the philosophy of Loreto that, with Christ as our example, we respond in action to the message of the Gospels.

It is not often that our students get the opportunity to experience first-hand the range of situations in which people of varied socio-economic circumstances live.

CECILE HEYEN

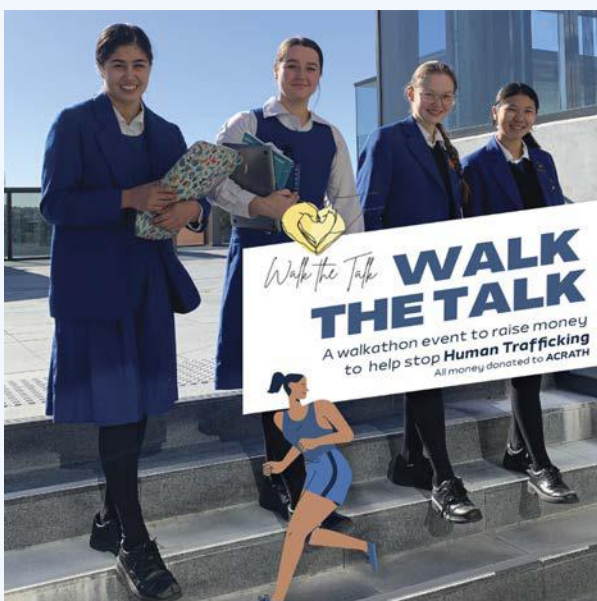
Senior School Teacher

CATHERINE GHATTAS

Year 10

Thinking & Advocacy

WALK THE TALK CAMPAIGN



We are a group of four girls who want to change our world. Human trafficking affects millions of people each day, but it is a silenced issue, not heard of, not talked about. So, we decided that change was needed and we wanted to be that change. We organised a 10km walk to raise awareness to help victims of human trafficking who cannot help themselves.

We would like to say thank you to all those in the Loreto community who generously donated to our cause. We have surpassed our goal of \$1000, which has been donated to ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans). We would also like to thank the people who walked with us in solidarity.

ISABEL EASDOWN, OLIVIA SIRCELJ, MADISON NGAN-VU, LILIANA COSTA Year 9 Thinking and Advocacy students

May Day

May Day celebrations began with the school procession of flowers to honour Mary, Mother of God, followed by a Liturgy where, as is tradition, School Captain Coco Gracie assisted the youngest student in Kindergarten, Charlotte Ho, to crown Mary. Sr Jwan Kada ibvm inspired us all with her inspirational address about Justice.

Celebrations continued with student stalls and activities raising much-needed funds for Mary Ward International Australia. Ex-student Prinnie Stevens ('97) was our special guest at a concert for Senior School students, and Junior School shook it up with a fun-filled Dance Party.

The day was a wonderful celebration of school spirit and, importantly, we raised more than \$36,000 to support and sustain our projects in Timor Leste.

The cherished tradition of May Day was brought by Mother Gonzaga Barry from Ireland, where children gathered flowers from the fields to decorate shrines dedicated to Mary.



May Day



SUPPORTING OUR NEAREST NEIGHBOUR



Timor Leste - one of Australia's nearest neighbours - has seen centuries of educational neglect. When the Portuguese left in the mid-1970s, the literacy rate was estimated at only 20% of the population. The country is still reeling from the destruction of its schools and infrastructure during its campaign for independence from Indonesia in 1999.

Mary Ward International Australia, together with Loreto Kirribilli, and other philanthropic-minded Loreto schools and supporters, have, over the past decade, been part of turning this neglect around. We've successfully built a flourishing pre-school and a community development centre in the rural village of Gari-uai, and in neighbouring Ostico, refurbished parts of the primary school and built a brand-new community centre.

In the spirit of Mary Ward, we at Loreto know that investing further in education helps individuals achieve their potential. We know that improved education promotes economic growth and employment opportunities and results in healthier families and communities.

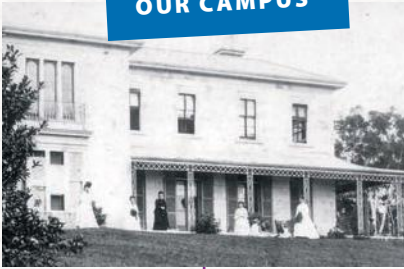
Collectively, we have and will continue to ensure those that have been disadvantaged by circumstance can flourish as we pursue Mary Ward's vision of accessible and inclusive education and opportunity for all.

FIZA KHOSLA

Mary Ward International Australia mwia.org.au

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OUR CAMPUS



1908



1960



1970



2023

This year we celebrate the 115th anniversary of our school on the Kirribilli peninsula. The thriving campus of today began with the elegant sandstone villa 'Elamang' which, along with its gardens, was bought by the nuns in 1908 with the generous help of Mrs Sarah Heaton.

LEADERSHIP



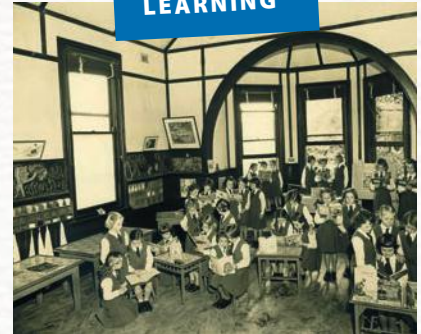
1929



2020

The growth and development of our school is in no small part due to our visionary leaders who have overseen the building of important projects such as the Chapel, Centenary Hall and our new Spiritus centre.

LEARNING



1950



1976



1995



2023

For 115 years our students have embraced a culture of learning - from the earliest days of our Junior School in Milson House, to our very first computer labs, to the state-of-the-art collaborative spaces in Spiritus.

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CURRICULUM



1960



2014



2023

When Mother Gonzaga Barry established her fledgling school for girls, her ambitious vision included a curriculum of Mathematics, English, Latin, Physics, Music, Physical Education, Astronomy and Cookery. Today's curriculum continues to stretch our students with Robotics, TAS and STEM.

SPORT



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1970



2009



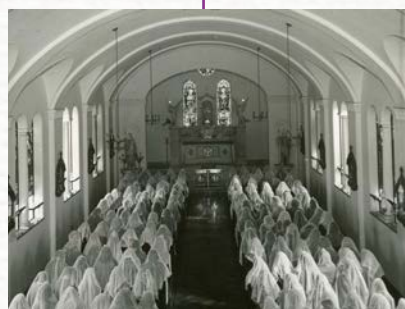
2022

The students of Loreto Kirribilli have embraced sport, games and physical education, from the earliest days of tennis played in full length dresses, to our mighty rowers launching their eight on the Lane Cove River, to more than sixty netball teams battling it out every weekend in the winter months.

FAITH



1923



1949



2022

The origins of the school's renowned 'spirit' and sense of community can be found in the deep faith and courage of the early sisters. Our School cherishes our time-honoured ceremonies and Liturgies while respectfully acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land and waters of Kirribilli.

Student Wellbeing



YEAR 5 GROW THEIR MINDS

Our students enjoyed workshoping strategies to build resilience methods to gain confidence in their friendships, and scenarios to help them make the right choices. This was part of an interactive Grow Your Mind incursion highlighting our Consent Education Wellbeing program.



GROW YOUR MIND FOR PARENTS

Wellbeing continues to be a vital part of the daily curriculum for our students via the Grow Your Mind program. Junior School staff attended an early morning refresher session with the Grow Your Mind Team, followed by an information session for parents. Kristina Freeman and Julia Delaney were able to share the main themes of the program as well as a few parenting tips and ideas to support what we are doing in the classroom.



BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Year 9 attended a workshop presented by The Butterfly Foundation to build resilience and improve self-esteem and body confidence. Students gained an understanding of the various influences on body image and the ways to manage these positively. The seminar also covered media and social literacy skills, developing the students' critical thinking to challenge body appearance ideals.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

For the last three years, as part of our Wellbeing Framework, we have enlisted the help of Brent Sanders, a retired Police Officer who runs Protective Behaviours sessions. Brent's program focuses on prevention combined with knowledge and self-confidence. Students in Years 9-12 appreciate Brent's honest and practical approach to sensitive topics.

ROMALINA ROCCA *Director of Senior School*



YEAR 10 SOCIAL

Year 10 students and their friends enjoyed a night of dressing up, socialising and dancing, with one particular highlight being a special guest appearance of rock trio Sweet Baby Darlings, starring Year 10 students Lara Bonato, Marcricse De Vera and Romy Elliot, who performed three songs to the delight of all.

Companions in Learning



YEAR 8 SOCIAL

Year 8 students enjoyed an afternoon of social activities, fun challenges and quiz questions with their friends from St Aloysius' College.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK

As part of Laudato Si' Week, our Companions in Learning from St Aloysius' College joined us for a lunchtime debate on *'whether individual action has an impact on climate change.'* Thank you to ex-student Juliette Marchant ('17) for adjudicating the spirited and well-reasoned debate.



PROBLEM SOLVING DAY

Junior School students enjoyed an academic Problem Solving Day with their Companions in Learning at St Aloysius' College, in preparation for the Da Vinci Decathlon. The tasks were exciting and challenging, with a particular emphasis on higher order thinking skills.



STAFF SOCIAL



CAREERS EXPO

Years 11 and 12 students from St Aloysius' College visited Loreto Kirribilli for a Careers Expo. Representatives from universities, as well as the University Admissions Centre, the Australian Defence Force, the NSW Police and Engineers Australia gave students the opportunity to investigate institutions, explore course offerings and plan possible career paths.



We warmly welcomed our Companions in Learning colleagues from St Aloysius' College for a convivial gathering which included a tour of our new Spiritus building.

Junior School Concert

ZOOMANIA



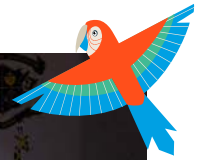
Best night of my life!

OLIVE GRANGER Year 5

Our Junior School concert was... Zoomania! I absolutely loved all the performances, but my favourite performance was Year 6 - not because I am in Year 6 but because the lyrics meant something. The song was *Birds* by Imagine Dragons. It meant that we - as children, not birds - were going in different directions.

RAFFAELA ROBINSON Year 6





*I absolutely loved performing.
There were zookeepers, dancers,
songs, and even a special surprise!*

MADDISON HATCHER Year 3

Junior School Learning

GREEN THUMBS



Year 1 students have proved to have very green thumbs, judging by the harvest this term! Our enthusiastic young gardeners had a taste of freshly picked cucumbers, lettuces and herbs.

MATHEMATICS IN THE SECRET GARDEN



Year 6 students used mathematical learning about area, perimeter, volume, capacity, angles and problem solving to measure the Loreto Sisters' Secret Garden.



GRANDPARENTS' HIGH TEA

In a particular highlight of the Junior School calendar, we warmly welcomed grandparents and grandfriends to our special High Tea. Our visitors were treated to some delightful music with their cups of tea. Thank you to grandparent Shane Hogan for sharing some amusing anecdotes, as well as his great wisdom.



THE SUPER SPEEDY SLOTH

Run, Spike, run! Our Senior School Drama students joined the fun for National Simultaneous Storytime, when schools across the country simultaneously read an inspiring story, *The Speedy Sloth* by Lauren Young, about Spike, the sloth who loves to run! The appreciative audience had plenty of questions for the Drama students afterwards.

Junior School Learning



KIRRIBILLI WALKABOUT

Year 1 students are learning about places and how to care for them. The students embarked on a Kirribilli Walkabout to explore our local area and investigate the natural, managed and constructed features of these places.

Our intrepid explorers identified and photographed the features of the local area using their iPads. Back at school they wrote recounts of their excursion, focusing on using time connectives and prepositional phrases.

They have also started to collaborate in groups and think creatively to design their own maps of the local area for the Blue-bot robots to travel around - once they have learnt to code them! This transdisciplinary project combines Mathematics, Geography, History, Art, Literacy and Technology.

STEM TECH DAY CHALLENGE



Years 5 and 6 students travelled with St Aloysius' College students to participate in the STEM Tech Challenge Day at Redlands Junior School. The students worked collaboratively in teams as they applied their creative and critical thinking skills to problem solve and design solutions using a variety of digital equipment. They had a great day and it was wonderful to see them challenge themselves.

It is really fun and challenging and great to meet people from other schools.

LUCIA VU Year 5



DESIGN THINKING TECH GIRLS

Thank you to STEM professional Daniella di Santo and Year 6 parent Emma McCormack for mentoring at our Tech Girls Design Thinking Workshop, where our Tech Girls teams identified which UN sustainable goal they would target with their app, and presented their problem statements.



Music Festival

LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART

The 2023 Music Festival was an amazing display of talent and joy from the entire Loreto Kirribilli community. Months of rehearsals culminated in spectacular performances including instrumental and vocal solos and groups, small and large ensembles, Music Elective classes, the House Choirs and Heaton House Dance, the Year 12 Choir, and the much anticipated Music Captain's Song and Finale. Sydney Town Hall came alive with excitement and spirit as the House Choir competition progressed.

Milson House Choir performed the *Prayer, Be Thou My Vision*, and Ward House Choir claimed victory for their selected performance of *Hold Back the River*. This year the Accompanist Prize was awarded to Samantha Wong. Ward won the Spirit Cup, and Heaton won the overall Music Festival Shield. Congratulations to all the staff and students for a wonderful Music Festival 2023.

MRS ADRIENNE GRIMES

Head of Performance





Sustainability

ENVIRONMENT LEADERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Student leaders are playing an active role in an area they feel passionate about: *environmental sustainability*.



The school has launched an ambitious Environmental Sustainability Strategic Framework, with four key focus areas: Emission Reduction; Sustainable Consumption; Natural Abundance; and Environmental Literacy. The Senior and Junior School Environment Leaders are taking up the challenge to address the focus areas, and inspire others to change.

In Year 6, the Environment Leaders Eloise Stuart, Niamh Martin, Phoebe Hill, Raffaella Robinson, Olivia Munnely and Prudence McKiernan are passionate about our environment and aware of the challenge to change people's behaviour. As Eloise points out, *"We only have one planet. There's no Planet B."*

Niamh is keen to educate students about recycling. *"We need to teach students what rubbish to put in what bin,"* she says. Phoebe is passionate about gardening, and her goal is to get compost bins functioning in the school. Raffaella and Olivia are aware of the challenge to educate students, explaining, *"We can all teach each other something about the environment and support each other in the process."* Prudence agrees, *"We can learn from each other and work as a team."*

These students are *"Taking action now!"* as they pursue their environmental goals.

In the Senior School, Year 12 Environmental Councillors Lucy Powell, Georgia Auchterlonie and Lauren Brown have an important role as the student representatives on the School Board's Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee. *"We have a goal of achieving Net-Zero by 2030, so we're working to increase the number of solar panels on our site,"* explains Lucy. *"It's rewarding to be part of the Board Subcommittee and work alongside them to achieve our school goals."*

Georgia continues, *"We've been following the guidelines of our Framework, focusing on the waste of the school, the carbon footprint, and encouraging Loreto Kirribilli students to use public transport."*

"It's rewarding to see change happen at the school," Lauren explains. *"For example, we implemented the Keep Cup Challenge. A large number of students and staff have stopped using disposable coffee cups. So we've been able to see tangible evidence of change."*

Loreto Kirribilli Principal Mrs Anna Dickinson commends the dedication shown by these young student leaders. *"These impressive students are taking up the challenge and playing an active role in meeting our commitments to this planet. They are inspiring others into action, and being informed agents of change."*

Senior School Learning



YOUNG ARCHIES FINALIST

Congratulations to Year 7 student Eva Li who was short-listed as a finalist and will have her portrait of her grandmother, *Nai Nai's Magic*, exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW as part of the 2023 Archibald Prize 'Young Archie' Exhibition.



MASTER STORYTELLER INSPIRES YEAR 12

For their incursion on The Craft of Writing, Year 12 English students had an inspiring session with bestselling author, Marcus Zusak, who spoke about storytelling, the ritual of writing, creating interesting characters, and the importance of the editing process.

"All writing, even a text message, needs editing! I read and read through The Book Thief 200 times to edit it. It is how you sharpen it and make the work yours."



ENGINEERS OF TOMORROW

Three Year 12 students, Amy Albinagorta, Veronica Bedingfield and Sophia Todd, are studying Engineering at UTS for their HSC. Veronica explains:

"The Wanago program at UTS for Engineering Studies is an excellent program for students in Years 11 and 12. The course focuses on first year university topics in general Engineering. The program covers a wide range of Engineering disciplines including civil, aeronautical, telecommunications and more! The practical projects are my favourite, as it is hands-on work in a fully decked-out laboratory with all the equipment you could need."

"The in-person course held at UTS every week is a great way to make new friends outside of school and learn in a subject that will give you a major advantage in university if you choose to pursue Engineering. Wanago also offers a lowered ATAR entry requirement and scholarships to anyone participating in the program."

Senior School Learning



ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

In a full day Chemistry Incursion, Year 12 students conducted an investigation into organic compounds. Their task was to synthesise aspirin and compose a literature review on an inquiry question they develop. This gave the students a chance to develop an appreciation of the techniques used in organic and pharmaceutical science for the synthesis (esterification), purification (recrystallisation) and identification of pure organic compounds (thin layer chromatography). Their inquiry questions were linked to the importance of organic chemistry to society, and current methods involved to determine purity.

JOE LIU

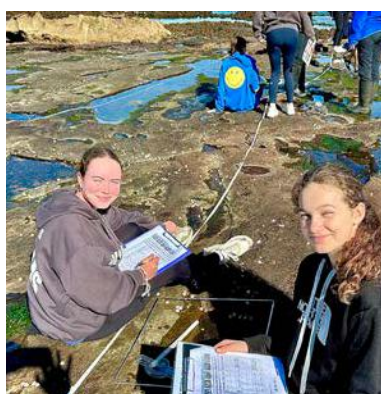
Science Teacher



YEAR 11 BIOLOGY VISIT ROCKPOOLS

"Our Biology class was blessed with an uncharacteristically warm May day as we travelled to North Narrabeen rock pools to observe and collect data for our ongoing depth study. We relished the opportunity to explore the rock ecosystems our beautiful beaches have to offer and enjoyed getting up close and personal with periwinkles, sand anemones, and octopi (luckily not the blue-ringed kind!). The staff and community of the Coastal Environment Centre of North Narrabeen left us all with wet socks and high spirits by the end of the day, ready to embark on our next biological expedition!"

**ZOE GELAGIN, ISABELLA NORTHCOTT
& CHARLOTTE SUTHERLAND**



Senior School Learning



EARTH TO YEAR 9 STEM

Year 9 STEM class visited the Satellite Earth Station in Belrose, Australia's biggest earth station. Students are learning about cybersecurity and developing their understanding of how satellites work, the infrastructure required, the cybersecurity risks in flying and maintaining satellites, and how the risks are mitigated.

During the tour of the Earth Station, students learnt about the seven satellites currently in geostationary orbit over Belrose which provide TV, internet services and military communication services across Australia. They went into the signal room where the electromagnetic signals to and from the satellites are converted via fibre optic cables from binary to microwaves; the antennae farm where they viewed the giant satellite dishes and antennae; and inside the screen room that showed the live monitoring of each satellite and the stations they were broadcasting.

The students also engaged with a variety of physics experiments related to the launch of a satellite, such as how to create rotational motion when there is no friction in space using a gyroscope, and a chemical explosion experiment where the physicist created and used hydrogen to make a large amount of energy, such as for a potential rocket launch.

LISA NOWOSAD *STEM Teacher*



SUPER FOOD BOWLS

A focus on health and wellness has led to a trend towards clean eating, with a greater emphasis on whole, unprocessed foods, and the use of functional ingredients like superfoods to boost health and wellbeing. Year 9 Food Technology students prepared a smoothie bowl reflecting current food trends. They created a stylised photograph of their smoothie bowl to include on a magazine cover as part of their assessment.

PRUE JACKSON *TAS Teacher*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This semester Year 10 Religious Education students embarked on a guided inquiry project, a captivating exploration of philosophy, religious texts, and the evolving role of women. They examined historical issues, Gospel narratives, contemporary movements, and the importance of fostering gender equality.

The final projects were then presented to their peers and teachers. The students' commitment and enthusiasm were demonstrated in their creative presentations, including podcasts, essays, physical products, and blog posts, which showcased their growth as critical thinkers, researchers, and theologians.

CHRISTINA RYAN

Religious Studies Coordinator

Junior School Athletics Carnival



OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
1st	Ruby Squire
2nd	Ava Jacob
3rd	Alex Bova
TRACK CHAMPION	
1st	Ava Jacob
FIELD CHAMPION	
1st	Alex Bova
JUNIOR AGE CHAMPION	
1st	Allegra Childs
2nd	Evie Anderson
3rd	Maeve Hannan
SENIOR AGE CHAMPION	
1st	Ava Jacob
2nd	Alex Bova
3rd	Rebecca Wyeth
OVERALL POINTSCORE	
1st	Heaton
SPIRIT AWARD	
1st	Barry



Spirit Cup
winner



Overall
Pointscore
winner



Senior School Athletics Carnival



Overall
Pointscore
winner

Spirit Cup
winner



OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	Charlotte Greatrex
2nd	Lucy Ronan
3rd	Kate Rooney

TRACK CHAMPION

1st	Belinda Matthews
2nd	Ella Mackett
3rd	Charlotte Greatrex

FIELD CHAMPION

1st	Jessica Johnston
2nd	Kate Rooney
3rd	Alessia Eerentein

JUNIOR POINTSCORE

1st	Belinda Matthews
2nd	Ella Mackett
3rd	Alessia Eerenstein

INTERMEDIATE POINTSCORE

1st	Mary Dunstan
2nd	Sarah Holt
3rd	Gemma Ronan

SENIOR POINTSCORE

1st	Charlotte Greatrex
2nd	Kate Rooney
3rd	Jessica Johnston

OVERALL POINTSCORE

1st	Heaton
2nd	Ward
3rd	Barry
4th	Milson

SPIRIT AWARD

1st	Barry
2nd	Ward
3rd	Heaton
4th	Milson

Sport



TOUCH FOOTBALL

Allegra Childs (Year 4) competed at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Touch Football Championships for Combined Independent Schools (CIS). Allegra represented Loreto Kirribilli with pride and was the youngest player in the CIS team. Allegra was selected to play middle, where she took charge, organised, and controlled the play. CIS finished 9th out of 13.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Year 6 students Ava Jacob and Alex Bova on their outstanding performance at the NSW CIS Cross Country, placing 2nd and 6th respectively. Both went on to compete at the NSW PSSA All Schools Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek, with Ava coming 1st and Alex coming 9th in the 12/13 Years girls 300 metres.



BALMORAL BURN

On Sunday 28 May at 8am, while most of you were probably still sleeping, a few brave Loreto Kirribilli runners were warming up for the 'Head of the Hill' Balmoral Burn that supports the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. The 420 metre hill up Awaba Street was a killer but all the girls continued and finished the race with dead legs! A huge congratulations to Belinda Matthews, Ella Mackett and Junior School students, Alex Bova and Ava Jacob, for coming away with third place in the Girls' 'Head of the Hill' Relay, racing 12 other schools which largely consisted of Senior Secondary School runners. A big thank you to all the other Loreto Kirribilli students who ran in the fun relay and supported the charity event. And to the parents for giving up their Sunday morning sleep-ins to support our runners.

ELIZA PEIRCE *Junior School Sports Administrator*

NSWCCC TENNIS

In was four seasons in one day for the Loreto Kirribilli Tennis players who made their way to Bathurst in the Central West to compete in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) Tennis Championship. This challenge was met head on by Emily D'Souza, Zoe Watts, Lucy Ronan and Stella Hurley, determined to prove their worth on the court. After a successful but nail-biting Round 1 match, the howling winds were against us in the semi, but it wasn't all over, with a Bronze Medal final awaiting! The wind died down, the sun came out and determination bubbled over; winners were flying down the line. Bronze to Loreto Kirribilli!

YOLANDE JURY *Tennis Convenor*



Sport



FOOTBALL

Loreto Kirribilli had a clean sweep at the Catholic Girls Secondary Schools Sports Association (CGSSA) Football competition winning both the Junior and Open Divisions. Both teams finished the day undefeated and are through to the NSWCCC Knockout competition which is amazing.

DONNA BAKER OAM

Head of Sport



CHAMPION GYMNAST

Congratulations to Lucy Stewart (Year 12), who achieved much success in the Australian National Gymnastics Championships at the Senior International Level and as a result was selected into the Gymnastics Australia World Championships squad. Lucy also received a very exciting award: the Commonwealth Games Athlete Grant, in recognition of her potential as an "up-and-coming" young athlete.



BASKETBALL ALL SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Georgia Ell and Isabella Livermore who represented NSWCCC at the All Schools Basketball Championships. The team had a great competition convincingly beating CIS 91-78. Unfortunately we lost to a buzzer-beater against Combined High Schools (CHS) (Public) 73-72 after a game that had all the swings and roundabouts. The girls fought so hard! Both Georgia and Isabella represented Loreto Kirribilli and CCC beautifully.



Future of Learning



YEAR 11 ANCIENT HISTORY INVESTIGATION

In Term 2, Ms Joanne Bleby's Ancient History class investigated a topic of their own choice, using a new inquiry model called FOSIL, Framework of Skills in Inquiry Learning. This invites students to connect, wonder, investigate, construct, express and reflect as they conduct open-ended research. The process was supported throughout by Ms Bleby; visiting Charles Sturt University inquiry learning specialist, Lee Fitzgerald; and Ms Monique North, Head Teacher Librarian.

Students were vocal in their reflections on learning through this inquiry approach, including comments like: "turbulent", "engrossing", "intellectually stimulating" and "eye opening". They framed inquiry questions around the contestability and significance of their topics, which included Palmyra, Orkney, Augustus Caesar, Wu Zetian and Cleopatra.

Underpinning the assessment of this task were content and process elements, the latter providing the opportunity to try out the Information Fluency Framework, just developed by NSW Department of Education as a tool for teacher librarians to use to demonstrate student achievement in information fluency, a key ingredient of 21st century skills.

The achievements of this class in open-ended research, their openness in talking about their process, and finally, in their engaged and scholarly magazine articles were wonderful to see. They form part of a presentation on inquiry learning at the International Association of School Libraries' conference in Rome in July.

LEE FITZGERALD, JO BLEBY & MONIQUE NORTH



TRANSDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

Translating research into practice is one of the most rewarding challenges, in particular at this exciting time in education. Last year, Ms Rachel Noonan, TAS Coordinator, and Mr Josh Clark, Science Coordinator undertook an action research project into transdisciplinary learning, in collaboration with cross-faculty subject coordinators, as well as university academics Dr Annie Agnew from Notre Dame, Dr Lauren Knussen from University of Technology, and some of their Master of Education students.

"This Year 9 Transdisciplinary project explored the potential of transdisciplinary learning principles within a traditional school environment," Mr Clark explained. "The project involved investigating ecosystems and using different disciplines to design a solution to an ecosystemic problem."

Ms Noonan is excited with the potential of the pilot project. *"The project culminated in an interactive installation of student work. The students' ingenuity and creativity were on display, presenting scientific knowledge in a creative format to raise awareness of an environmental issue."*

Mr Clark and Ms Noonan were asked by the Association of Independent Schools (AIS) NSW to share their learnings from the project at the inaugural AIS Research in Schools Showcase, and it was well received, with many positive comments and questions on the day.

Presenting at the conference was a highlight for the team, who plan to continue to develop the unit of work in Semester 2, 2023.

Philomena Heaton Library



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Philomena Heaton Library was abuzz at lunchtime on day of the 23rd National Simultaneous Storytime. To mark this year's reading of *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young, we held a truly festive sloth-themed Library party! We heard the story, enjoyed some tasty party food, and decided on the name of our Library sloth: Timmy. And of course, there was a photo booth. We had an incredible turn-out as the event brought many students to the Library. The day was also an opportunity for readers to choose some new books for the Library collection. Thank you all for coming!

ELA SIRCELJ *Library Resource Manager*



HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION PROJECT

Year 11 Modern History students recently completed their Historical Investigation Projects, in which they selected a history topic of personal interest, then working alongside their teacher and peers, wrote an essay or article and created magazine covers highlighting their subject matter. Students also developed an Ideas Book to chronicle the progress of their project. Students then presented seminars focusing on different aspects of their Historical Investigation Project, and a display of their work was set up in the Library. A heartfelt thank you to the Library staff for putting together the display.

CHRIS TIDYMAN *History Coordinator*



LORETO KIRRIBILLI HOSTS KIDS' LIT QUIZ

Loreto Kirribilli proudly hosted the Kids' Literature Competition in Centenary Hall with 46 teams participating from 20 schools in Sydney. Schools entered teams of four students from Years 5 to 8 to answer questions from diverse topics including mythological creatures, comics, authors and character nicknames. There were ten rounds of ten questions with book prizes galore.



Loreto Kirribilli entered two Junior School teams and two Senior School teams. In a tight and very competitive competition, our top-scoring team was Loreto Kirribilli Senior Team 2 coming 5th, consisting of Year 7 students Georgiana Holford, Camila Sircelj, Olivia Tang and Lexi Hartigan.

It was a fun-filled, book trivia competition, challenging young minds in literature and all things book-related.

MONIQUE NORTH *Head Teacher Librarian*

LK Connect

MENTORING AND NETWORKING PROGRAM



Technology is at the forefront of everyone's mind, whether that is engaging with the explosion of AI across all industries, its strengths and challenges, cyber security, or just integrating technology into our everyday lives. The **LK Connect - Women in Tech** event addressed all of these factors, and reinforced the importance of women engaging in this industry.

We were very fortunate to hear from a broad range of panellists, highlighting the diversity of careers within the field of technology, including project management, cyber security, e-commerce, problem-solving, analytics, UX/UI design, software development and creative opportunities. Thank you to our host and Loreto parent Janet Menzies, Country Manager of Amazon, as well as our facilitator for the evening, Zoe Samios ('11) from the Sydney Morning Herald, and all our panellists for supporting LK Connect.

LK Connect Mentoring and Networking Program harnesses the skills and professional expertise of ex-students and parents to mentor, broaden career development, and provide opportunities for our graduates on the cusp of their careers. It is also an extension of our Loreto education, expanding our Loreto Kirribilli circle of friends.

This program provides a tangible way for our ex-students to support each other with the intention of achieving our school's purpose 'To make a positive difference in the world.'

If you would like to be part of LK Connect, and support our networking and mentoring opportunities, we'd love to hear from you. Could your business host an LK Connect networking event? Would you be interested in a mentoring role?

Please contact the Development Office: Phone +61 2 9957 4722 or email lkconnect@loreto.nsw.edu.au

**JANET
MENZIES**



Country Manager,
Amazon Australia



**ZOE
SAMIOS
('11)**



Media and
Telecommunications
Reporter, The Sydney
Morning Herald &
The Age

**STEPHANIE
HING
('07)**



Experience
Designer,
Slalom Build

**ALEX
PENNA**



Software
Developer

**CLAIRE
MUKHI
('99)**



E-Commerce
Professional

**SOPHIE
WADE
('85)**



CEO of Apporetum
and founder
of Modern
Methodologies

Development

DEBBIE HENRY | DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

THE MARY WARD ROSE

As part of our May Day celebrations, we invited Sr Libby Rogerson ibvm to plant a new 'Mary Ward Rose' in our rose garden, in honour of Mary, Mother of God. This new white rose was bred from a combination of mauve and pink roses. It has a golden glow in the centre as it blooms, with a beautiful fragrance and high petal count.

Named after our foundress, Mary Ward, this beautiful rose bush will be presented to all Loreto Convents and Schools around Australia to coincide with Loreto Federation in 2024.

Many thanks to Mr Mark McGuire from the NSW Rose Society, who is an ex-parent and grandparent of Loreto Kirribilli, for kindly introducing us to rose breeders Richard and Ruth Walsh. The Walshes spent eight years cultivating this new rose, and have generously gifted it to Loreto after hearing the story of Mary Ward.



AN EDUCATION FOR OTHERS

THE LORETO KIRRIBILLI BURSARY FUND

This new tax-deductible fund will enable girls from diverse backgrounds to benefit from a Loreto Kirribilli education. Whilst our girls are privileged to receive a Loreto Kirribilli education, it also becomes a responsibility for us to give back to others less fortunate and embrace the true meaning of community.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the new Bursary Fund please visit loreto.nsw.edu.au

THE SPIRIT OF *giving*

Sharing Our Community



CONSTRUCTION POWERHOUSE

Helmets off to Maare-Liis Kalamäe ('12), who is in the final stages of a three-year stint as a Construction Manager for the new European headquarters for Apple, part of London's £9bn Battersea Power Station redevelopment.

Maare-Liis is one of only a handful of female project managers in a field traditionally dominated by men. *"I'd always loved buildings, design and architecture," she explains, "and the type of environment I 'thrived' in was one that was collaborative, continuously evolving and one where I could call upon my own intuition. I definitely didn't perform at my best when sat at a desk all day. I still don't!"*

Her advice for young people on the brink of their careers? *"Don't be afraid to be different! Be proud of who you are and what sets you apart. And get out of Australia and experience the world! The experience will shape you in a way nothing else quite can."*



KICKING GOALS IN AFLW

Kate Mahony ('98) recently visited the Junior School for a Learn@Lunch session, sharing the story of her inspiring career path from Loreto Kirribilli, to physiotherapist, to Executive General Manager of AFLW Football.

In her career as a sports physiotherapist, Kate travelled the world with the Australian Cricket team, and worked with elite tennis players including Serena Williams and Roger Federer. Her role has developed over time into leadership, from coordinating the healthcare of the Australian Olympic Team at the Tokyo Olympics to her latest role with the Sydney Swans AFLW. *"Sydney Swans called and said, we're starting our women's team, would you like to come and run the program! And part of my role is to inspire young women who want to play the sport."*

"Work really hard at what you're doing," was her advice to her appreciative audience. "And when opportunities come, you have to be brave enough to take them."



ADVOCATING AT THE UNITED NATIONS

At the recent United Nations conference on the Conventions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York City, ex-student Olivia Sidhu ('18) was invited to attend as part of the Australian delegation. In her role as the Health Ambassador for Down Syndrome Australia, Olivia presented to the forum on several occasions, advocating for easy-to-understand, clear, accessible information for individuals with disabilities. We are very proud of Olivia for taking this opportunity to globally advocate for change.

Olivia is pictured here with Social Services Minister Amanda Rushworth.

Sharing Our Community



PERFORMER PRODUCER

This year we've been lucky enough to have Prinnie Stevens ('97) visit the school, firstly as a performer for the May Day concert and then as an adjudicator for Music Festival House Choirs.

Prinnie is not only a talented singer, dancer and songwriter. She also lends her talents to producing shows, artist development, casting, mentoring and talent scouting for TV, stage and film. "I'm a boss girl," explains Prinnie. "I use my business know-how, I am the business manager and the singer."

Prinnie told the students at her May Day concert, "Being an all-rounder at school will translate into life. My mum didn't let me go to performing arts school, and I never really understood. But going to Loreto Kirribilli really changed my life. I had a really good balance of studies and music, and I am sure that is the reason why I've been successful."

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 2003

Saturday 25 November 2023

4.30pm Liturgy Loreto Kirribilli Chapel

5.15pm School Tour

7.30pm Reunion Dinner Kitty Hawk, Sydney CBD

Contact Marie Dominguez lkclassof03@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1993

Saturday 9 September 2023

4pm School Tour & Drinks

6pm Dinner Foys Kirribilli

Contact Caroline Clark caroline_clark1976@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1983

Friday 27 October 2023

7pm Kirribilli Club

Contact Sallyanne Butel sallyanne130865@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1973

Sunday 19 November 2023

10am Mass and School Tour

12pm Lunch at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Contact Marian Flynn mflynn@bigpond.net.au

CLASS OF 1963

Saturday 7 October 2023

Loreto Kirribilli, Mother Gonzaga Barry Centre

12pm Lunch

Contact Helen Ross rosspymb@bigpond.net.au



ANN MARGARET DOOLEY OAM (Cunningham '45)

Our community mourned the death earlier this year of Ann Margaret Dooley OAM (Cunningham '45). Ann was Head Girl of Loreto Kirribilli in 1945, and her name can still be seen on the Honour Roll board when walking up to the Library. Ann returned to the school as a Home Science Teacher in the 1980s.

Ann was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day honours in 2005 for service to the community of Mosman through ex-service, historical, education and church organisations, and for supporting rural communities in areas affected by drought.

Ex-Students' Union

CELIA SHELDON | PRESIDENT

It has been a busy term of activities for the Union. The 2023 Mother Daughter Mass was a special celebration of community with ex-students, current students, past and present parents and friends all coming together for our annual gathering. All friends of Loreto, past and present, are always welcome at our Ex-Students' events.

Other recent events include the annual Theatre Party - *The Sound of Music* at Chatswood Concourse - and the Ex-Students' Card Day at Killara Golf Club. Two wonderful days of friendship, with significant funds raised for Mary Ward International Australia and our Bursary Fund. Thank you to all involved for your support and generosity.

The Committee recently held a Jam Day, in memory of Mrs Ann Dooley OAM (Cunningham '45) who taught many of us to cook and shared countless other skills, during her many years as a teacher of Home Science. Do come and visit our stall at Spring Fair on 27 August for these fabulous jams and relishes

Save the dates: 19 to 21 April 'Climate Justice' Federation 2024.

Federation is a 'coming together' of all the Loreto schools in Australia. First proposed by Mother Gonzaga Barry in 1897, biannual gatherings have been held since 1955 with each school taking turns to host. Federation is an opportunity for all generations of the Loreto community to get together to share ideas. It is very social, supporting



and inspiring. It will be our turn to host in 2026.

While a trip to Melbourne may not be feasible for everyone, I urge you to at least consider it and where possible encourage your daughters and friends to come along.

Please keep in touch - we want your input on future activities. See contact details below.

CELIA SHELDON (Roberts '88)

Loreto Kirribilli Ex-Students' Union President

For further information please email
exstudents@loreto.nsw.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Mass of Remembrance

1pm Sunday 5 November

AGM

2pm Sunday 5 November

Federation 2024 Climate Justice

Friday 11 October -
Sunday 13 October
Loreto Mandeville Hall
Toorak, Melbourne

Follow us to stay up to date with the latest Loreto Kirribilli Ex-students Union news



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[Loreto Kirribilli Ex-students Union](https://www.facebook.com/LoretoKirribilliExstudentsUnion)

Parents & Friends

P&F EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



The P&F theme for Term 2 was **‘Collaboration.’** Not only were we able to work together with our wonderful Year 12 parents in delivering a sensational May Day BBQ, but we also spent a considerable amount of time collaborating with our subcommittees for the planning and execution of the two largest fundraising events in the P&F calendar - Sports Lunch and Spring Fair. It's a privilege and a joy to have the opportunity to work with our parents to deliver wonderful events for our community and we are constantly blown away by the enthusiasm and passion everyone has for connecting and contributing in any way that you can.

We also had the opportunity to collaborate with our students, work with them in the Junior



School through the much-loved and anticipated Spring Fair Logo Competition, and in the Senior School through collective meetings to discuss how important initiatives, such as the goal to be carbon neutral by 2030, can be supported via P&F events.

Collaboration also extended beyond the school gates with our fundraising and community-building events being supported by businesses in the local community and beyond.



We thank all the businesses and the individuals who have supported our efforts and we look forward to continuing to develop these relationships into the future.

We're excited to continue the joy of connecting with you all over BBQs, Fairs, Lunches and chats on the driveway in the future, so make sure you keep your eyes peeled for information about our upcoming events and initiatives and we look forward to seeing you there!

ANNEKE SENDEN, DANIEL ROSE, MELISSA COUPER, DOMENIC LO SURDO, IAN MANN, MARK DE VERA, MELISSA YARD-SMITH & NIKKI DIXON *P&F Executive Committee*

Ex-Students' News

ENGAGEMENTS

Sarah Smith ('14)

WEDDINGS

Lara Baker ('09) to Anthony Maughan-Wright

Natalie Cox ('08) to Andrew Watson

Charlotte Lewis ('12) to Dominik Breznik

BIRTHS | DAUGHTERS

Iris Aiko Ohe to Clare Stephens ('98)

BIRTHS | SONS

Maxwell Keith to Abby James (Doherty '08)

DEATHS | EX-STUDENTS

Dr John Benecke (LK'32) father of Kate Benecke ('78) and grandfather of Josie Benecke ('01), Danielle Benecke ('02), Camilla Griffin (Benecke '04), Laura Benecke ('10) and Eliza Benecke ('16)

Ann Dooley OAM (Cunningham '45), mother of Margaret Albertini (Dooley '82), sister of Pauline Tomasetti (Cunningham '43) (dec), grandmother of Anna Dooley ('11). Loreto Kirribilli Teacher of Home Science

Lesly Quinn (Wangman '59)

Anne Wheelock (Hendy-Pooley '48)

DEATHS | RELATIVES OF EX-STUDENTS

Frances Mary Fisher (Franni) mother of Sally Geaney (Fisher '95), Kate Fisher ('97), Emma Grange (Fisher '00), aunt of Georgina Mattick (Dwyer '99), Jane Harrison (Dwyer '97), Victoria ('09) and Lucy Larkins ('10)

Margaret Hayes, mother of Kate Abhayaratna (Hayes '85), Danielle Hayes ('89) mother-in-law of Stephanie Hayes (Clarkin '84), grandmother of Sarah Hayes ('09), Laura Hayes ('13) and Isabel Craig (Year 9), godmother to Susie Burke (Harris '89)

Denis Howard, father of Lucy Howard-Shibuya ('85), father-in-law of Michelle O'Dea ('82), grandfather of Kara Howard ('20) and Antonia Howard ('14)

Jean-Pierre Maury, husband of Gillian Maury (Leach '59), brother-in-law of Rosemary Spiota (Leach '57), father of Véronique Maury ('91) and Nicolette Maury ('95)

Joan Murphy, mother of Elizabeth Murphy ('73)

David Scanlen, father of Eliza Scanlen ('16) and Annabel Scanlen ('16), son of Sue Scanlen (Balding '55) and brother of Sally Scanlen ('85) and Emma Livingston (Scanlen '87), uncle of Annika Schell ('12) and Georgina Schell ('14) and Eloise Livingston (Year 5) nephew of Janet Corcoran ('57 Balding), cousin of Katie Weber ('88 Corcoran)

Dr Jeffrey Wright, father-in-law of Brigid Wright (McGuigan '86), grandfather of Sophie Wright (Year 7)

DEATHS | RELATIVES OF STAFF

David Baker, husband of Donna Baker OAM (Head of Sport K-12), passed away 3 August 2023 aged 64

