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We only had to look towards the 2013 Leavers to see this theme in action. These girls gained impressive WACE results with 52 per cent of them finishing in the top 11 per cent of the state and more than three-quarters of the Year 12s finishing in the top 20 per cent in Western Australia. This fine group of girls not only achieved well academically but, in the true sense of what it means to be a PC girl, did so while balancing their studies with being dynamic members of the community and nurturing their gifts in other creative and physical pursuits. The Leavers of 2013, inspired by those who have gone before them, are pursuing a broad range of studies, opportunities and careers. They will make their life happen not just for themselves, but for others, too.

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Our vision for some years has been Perth College girls: Remarkable Women. Education of our young women today is very different to our forebears as indeed is the world they live in. As such, we must continue to look forward. Education is becoming more personalised for each student as technology, knowledge of brain science and evidence-based research helps inform our teaching. Our children will live in a world where learning is continuous and ever-changing and so, with that in mind, we continue to embrace best practice in teaching and learning.

If you walk around Perth College today you will see a diverse range of learning spaces with impressive access to technology, passionate and professional staff, and girls engaged in their learning through a range of effective and dynamic teaching and learning pedagogy. It is important that as a School the prime focus is on best practice in teaching and learning which continues to excite and challenge us as we move to meet the future head on and prepare our girls for the world they will live in!

Enjoy this edition of the Heritage – it is full of wonderful stories of life at PC and beyond.

Jenny Ethell
PRINCIPAL
For the love of learning

Challenging courses and a range of subjects girls might not otherwise consider are increasing the tertiary options open to Senior School students.

Head of Beliefs and Values, Justin Gill, said Years 11 and 12 students taking Philosophy and Ethics developed skills that were transferable across courses and beneficial in a variety of careers.

The subject is just one of many that is an ideal precursor to university degrees in politics, law, economics, arts and, of course, philosophy. Sixteen students are currently studying Philosophy and Ethics 2A/2B while 13 are in the Year 12 3A/3B class.

“Girls who are interested in this subject generally see the value of learning critical reasoning, scientific methodology, high-level thinking and methods of inquiry,” he said.

“They learn to evaluate and analyse arguments and open their minds, and we focus on philosophical skill development rather than the history of philosophy and philosophers.

“It’s an ideal background for someone who wants to enter fields such as journalism, politics or law.”

Girls in the Philosophy Club – known as Club 42 – meet weekly for robust debate in a relaxed environment over lunch, further developing their minds and gaining exposure to the topics raised in the annual Philosothon competition.

Mr Gill was thrilled that two 2013 Leavers, Monica Stanisis and Olivia de Koning, were among 40 students selected statewide to study a Bachelor of Philosophy at the University of Western Australia this year. 2013 Head Girl, Gabriella Imperial, has also chosen Philosophy as one half of her double major at the Australian National University in Canberra.

New Head of Science, Geoff Quinton, said one of his priorities was encouraging a higher proportion of students to take the more challenging Science subjects when choosing their WACE courses for Years 11 and 12.

“Chemistry is one of the most popular subjects in Western Australia with about 5,000 students studying it,” he said.

“It is a key pre-requisite for many university courses but I want Perth College girls to choose to study Science because they genuinely enjoy it, not just because they have to.

“There are so many pathways for girls in this learning area, from medicine to vet science; it’s not just about whiz-bang experiments but also giving them a positive experience and the opportunity to succeed.”

Mr Quinton has taught since 1987 and emigrated to Australia from the United Kingdom in 2000 following a teacher exchange. Fully implementing the Australian Science curriculum across all year levels is a key task and he would also like to promote more collaborative learning strategies, inquiry learning and the integration of technology.
Current good practice is ‘constructivist teaching’, which builds on the girls’ prior knowledge and how to move to a place to cope with more challenging concepts,” he said.

“This is inquiry learning, to an extent – students discover the answers rather than being told outright.

“This is an acquired skill that is applicable across other learning areas.”

An impressive number of 2013 graduates are pursuing tertiary studies in the Sciences this year, including (but not limited to):

- Katie Schutze (Head Day Girl) – Sport Science, Exercise and Health, UWA
- Elly Zounis (Deputy Head Day Girl) – Bachelor of Science, UWA
- Olivia Strelein – double degree in Exercise and Sport Science and Behavioural Science, Notre Dame University
- Caitlin Cusack – Biomedicine, University of Melbourne.  

**Passionate achievers return for honours**

Students considering their WACE courses for Years 11 and 12 should choose subjects they would genuinely enjoy studying.

That’s the advice from 2013 Head Day Girl, Katie Schutze, who was one of the graduates to return to Perth College in February for an assembly to recognise last year’s high achievers.

Katie said she agonized over her subject selections on several occasions and studying units she was passionate about made a difference to her stress levels, outlook and grades.

Now enrolled in a Sport Science, Exercise and Health degree at the University of Western Australia, Katie was awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Physical Education Studies, as well as Literature, for placing in the top 0.5 per cent of candidates in the state in those subjects.

While not all of the top performing girls who received Certificates of Distinction and Commendation (for at least 20 grades of ‘A’ in course units) could attend the assembly (several had already taken up placements at universities interstate), those who did included:

- Olivia Strelein, who received a Certificate of Distinction for Physical Education Studies and is pursuing a double degree at Notre Dame University
- Caitlin Cusack, now studying at the University of Melbourne
- Elanore Grantham (Deputy Head Girl), undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce at UWA
- Elly Zounis (Deputy Head Day Girl), studying Science at UWA
- Ingrid Horeb (St Michael’s Award winner), pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at UWA with assured entry into Law
- Sophie Mueller, studying Animal Science at Murdoch University

2006 Leaver and Rhodes Scholar, Freya Shearer, presented the girls with gifts on behalf of the School.
Girls conquer boarding challenge

Several country girls in Years 5 and 6 spent the Australia Day long weekend at the Perth College Boarding House, getting a taste of life as a boarder in preparation for their secondary education.

Travelling mainly from towns in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern but also from Newman, the girls jumped at the chance to visit the city and experience life at a ‘big’ school.

Head of Boarding, Judy Parker, organised the inaugural PC Challenge to give families an insight into how boarding works at Perth College. Activities across the school grounds included an Art lesson with Si Hummerston, Music with Sofie Cumming and a swimming pool social.

“The girls bonded very quickly and their confidence grew after they learned their way around the Boarding House,” she said.

“We understand the transition to the city can be difficult for young girls and their families so this helped to settle any anxieties they might have about living away from home for the first time,”

Change is on the menu

Boarders have given the tick of approval to a refurbishment of their dining room and a revitalised menu.

With changes to the School’s catering arrangements in 2014, LAPG Education – part of the Compass Group – is now operating Affie’s Café (incorporating the Canteen) and the boarders’ dining room.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are based on a Smart Food programme which:

- Encourages the girls to drink water and 100 per cent fruit juice instead of sweetened beverages
- Incorporates wholegrain breads and cereals and other grain-based foods
- Varies the types and colours of fruit and vegetables at lunch and dinner
- Encourages adequate consumption of dairy products
- Reduces added salt in cooking
- Limits the servings of food classified as ‘indulgences’
- Promotes seasonally-relevant nutrition messages to help students make informed choices

Barista training by a Lavazza professional will be offered to boarders in 2014.

Gap girl profiles

Laura Weihrich, 19, Germany. Working in the Boarding House since July 2013

What does your role involve?
After working in the Health Centre and Art department, I started working in the Kindy this term. I assist the teachers and accompany the girls over the day. At the weekend and on two evenings during the week I also work in the Boarding House. During this time I supervise them doing their homework and helping out with activities.

How did your job at Perth College come about?
I applied through an organisation called Latitude Global Volunteering to go to Australia. Fortunately, Perth College accepted me!

What do you enjoy most about working in the Boarding House?
I really enjoy spending a lot of time with the boarders and getting to know them very well. It seems like they are all sisters and the whole boarding community is like a big family. I’m really happy to be part of this.

Your first impressions of Perth College?
I was really impressed how huge and beautiful the school setting is. I was amazed how the School is full of activities and projects outside the classroom. Everybody can get involved in something. The staff were very welcoming. I have no doubts that I am going to enjoy my gap year at Perth College.

What does your future hold?
I will stay until the second term at Perth College. Then I will go straight back to
Germany and begin my studies in Cross-Cultural Management in the Netherlands.

**Hannah Johnson, 18, West Sussex, England. Working in the Boarding House since Term One, 2014**

**What does your role involve?**
I work in the Health Centre during the day, accompany the boarders to medical appointments and help the Nurse with any day-to-day jobs that need completing. Two evenings a week I also work in the Boarding House, supervising Years 11 and 12 prep time. At weekends I go with the boarders to activities such as socials or beach trips.

**How did your job at Perth College come about?**
I went to St Catherine’s School in England where previous Gap students have also come from. I heard about the placement at Perth College from Sarah Sharpin (2012 Gap student) and sent an email to Judy Parker to ask if there were any places left. Fortunately, a place became available as I sent the email so it was obviously meant to be!

**What do you enjoy most about working in the Boarding House?**
The girls are an enormous amount of fun. There is such a homely atmosphere as each boarding house has girls from all years within it so friendships are formed with people of all ages. The age gap between us and some of the girls is not that big, so it is easy to relate to them, especially as we are also away from home!

**Your first impressions of Perth College?**
The school is like a maze and it is very easy to get lost! The buildings and grounds are beautiful and having an outdoor swimming pool is certainly something you would never see in England!

**What does your future hold?**
I’m working at Perth College until the end of Term Two and hope to fit in as much travel as possible. Afterwards, I will go back to England before studying Geography at Durham University.

**Alison Nichol, 18, Vancouver, B.C, Canada. Working in the Boarding House since Term One, 2014**

**What does your role involve?**
I work in Art and Home Economics during the day and do prep supervision two times a week with the boarders. On weekends I do two shifts supervising the boarders with day trips, socials or within the Boarding House.

**How did your job at Perth College come about?**
I always knew I wanted to take a gap year, travel and work abroad after high school. I was given the opportunity to do so with an organisation called Latitude; they helped me decide what kind of placement would best suit me and placed me with Perth College.

**What do you enjoy most about working in the boarding house?**
Since the day I got here both the staff and students have been so friendly and welcoming; it’s been great getting to know all of them.

**Your first impressions of Perth College?**
When I first arrived at Perth College and received a tour of the school I was amazed by the great facilities and programmes available for the students. I had no idea what to expect a boarding house to be like as it’s not very common where I am from. The staff create such a homely atmosphere and you can tell the girls are like one big extended family; it really is incredible.

**What does your future hold?**
I finish my placement at Perth College in July. Before heading back home I plan to do some travelling within Australia. In the Fall I plan to start my first year of post-secondary education at Kwantlen University in Vancouver, Canada, where I am enrolled to study Business.
InsideOut hits the mark

As InsideOut enters its third year, the impact of this innovative self-leadership programme upon Perth College girls is very evident.

Workshops, activities and guest presenters have provided students from Kindergarten to Year 12 with opportunities for personal growth, helping them to develop emotionally and socially, and the programme has been aligned to the curriculum to optimise the academic benefits.

InsideOut will be further refined this year based on student and staff feedback, to meet the girls’ changing needs.

“The programme has been up and running for long enough now to notice some real change, both amongst our girls and also within the staff culture,” Year 9 Co-ordinator, Jane Murray, said.

“It complements the work of the pastoral team and aligns itself with the content and themes taught across the curriculum, especially in Health, Beliefs and Values, and the Creative Arts.

“As a Year Co-ordinator, I am encouraged by the way InsideOut supports our holistic focus on the whole individual and allows us to support students to achieve balance in their lives.

“This has had a natural follow-on effect to their core programme of study; it helps the girls focus on their academic pursuits with an emerging positive resilience and clarity.”

Year 8 Co-ordinator, Kalo Bell, said the most noticeable change amongst her students was in their friendships.

“When the girls come to me for help socially, they have already started working through their problems based on the strategies learned through GirlPower and Enlighten Education,” she said.

“Terminology like ‘friendship fires’ is becoming more common and has been helpful in diffusing situations between the girls, as well as explaining to them the nature of friendships.”

Head of Junior School, Jenny Dougan, said InsideOut, and GirlPower in particular, had provided girls and their teachers with a common language for talking about feelings and friendships.

“We have also communicated this approach to our parents so we are all working together to empower, support and skill the girls,” she said.

“We all have an increased understanding of the complexities, the uniqueness and the delights of girls’ friendships, and issues and playground disputes are now decreasing, which means the girls are solving their own issues and are better able to focus in class.

“The younger girls really love the Kimochis, which have become an important part of their lives at home and at school, and have really taken on board the different messages and emotions associated with each one.”

GirlPower is growing

GirlPower founder, Dana Kerford, is set to return to Perth College as the popularity of her friendship programme increases.

After an overwhelming response to her visit to the School during May 2013, Perth College has since facilitated:

• 27 parent-daughter workshops
• 10 courses for girls only
Two week-long camps
These have been delivered to Perth College parents and girls and, with word of mouth spreading the benefits of GirlPower, to the wider community in Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

Through InsideOut, the School is the Australian directorate of the GirlPower workshops, aimed at girls from six to 12 to help them manage friendships, develop self-esteem and prevent bullying.

Junior School girls will benefit from workshops with Ms Kerford on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 April, while sessions have also been scheduled for the general community. These include the Friendship Fires workshop for girls in Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 1 May, followed in the afternoon by Heart of Friendship for the Years 3 and 4 students.

To register for these community events, please visit www.trybooking.com/CNYZ. Additionally, girls in Years 1 and 2 and parents from Perth College as well as other schools are invited to attend Fuzzies and Friends on Saturday 3 May. A Language of Friendship session open to the community will follow in the afternoon for students in Years 3 to 7 and their parents. Bookings can be made via www.trybooking.com/EGFI.

Ms Kerford will also conduct a free professional development seminar for interested teachers from schools across Perth on Thursday 1 May from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Registrations can be made via www.trybooking.com/CMXK.

Perth College parents of girls in Years 3 to 7 have also been invited to attend a private parent-daughter Language of Friendship workshop on Tuesday 29 April. Parents with daughters in Kindergarten and Prep are welcome to attend but are asked to do so without their girls.

More information is available from InsideOut Director, Deb Perich, via email to Inside.Out@pc.wa.edu.au or by calling 9471 2167.

Battling the butterflies
A group of students in Years 5 and 7 came back to school a little earlier this year, participating in the Back to School Butterflies workshop before the term began.
Camp sparks creativity
A camp at New Norcia has helped girls in the Year 12 Stage 3 Visual Arts course launch their first projects for the year.
Two contemporary Western Australian artists, Bob Booth and Ian Williams, led intensive workshops for 10 students in early February. The programme focused on generating ideas, conducting research, drawing skills, design development and studio techniques.
Acting Head of Visual Art, Dianne Good, attended the camp with Art teacher, Kathy Carlton, and said the girls were fortunate to learn mark making and colour mixing from two well-known landscape painters.
"The programme for the camp encouraged practical and conceptual exploration, inspired by New Norcia’s unique landscape and heritage," she said.
"The girls also received a special visit from ‘Dom Chris’, who answered their many questions about the monk lifestyle."
Ms Good said the girls looked forward to displaying some of their creations as the term progressed.

From surfing to school
A keen surfer has shattered any preconceived ideas Perth College students and staff had of a ‘typical’ artist.
Andy Quilty’s laidback nature, easygoing manner and prolific use of ballpoint pen have opened the eyes of girls from Kindergarten to Year 12 and encouraged them to let their imaginations run wild.
The former surfboard artist and labourer in the surfboard manufacturing industry was the School’s artist-in-residence from Monday 17 February to Thursday 7 March.
He encouraged students to take risks with their artwork by experimenting with a variety of media and techniques.
"I work quickly; I only ever spend a couple of hours on each piece," Andy said.
"I use biro instead of pencil because I think whatever ends up on the page is meant to be; there’s no such thing as a mistake when it comes to art.
"Art is about taking risks – if you play it safe, it’s pretty boring."
He became serious about art as a full-time career in 2011, after he was a finalist in the City of Perth Black Swan Prize for Portraiture and won the City of South Perth Emerging Artist Award.
"My former high school Art teacher had suggested I start entering exhibitions and competitions – and she had given me a D in Year 11,” he laughed.
"I realised she was right; the best way to get your art out there is to enter competitions because it puts your art on display and helps you to get noticed."
Acting Head of Visual Art, Dianne Good, said the immediacy and intensity of Andy’s working style was inspirational to the girls and staff had also benefitted from his knowledge about techniques and processes.
"Our students are lucky to have the opportunity to observe and engage with his creative process and studio practice," she said.
"He is proof that being an artist is achievable and he has conveyed a refreshing and original perspective on the making of art."
Choir tours England and Scotland; Westminster Abbey performance
By Sophia Davies and Ellie Freeman

What would you call 22 Years 6 and 7 girls, 15 parents and four teachers? We’d call it the Perth College Choir Tour.

After leaving Perth on 28 December and a 20-hour flight, we landed in Glasgow, eager to start our 12-day journey.

Our first performance was at Greyfriars Kirk, Scotland, one of the oldest surviving buildings outside the Old Town of Edinburgh. The people were so welcoming and took our minds off the bitterly cold weather!

The next day was History 101 – Scottish style! Our kilt-wearing guide, Richard, helped us explore Edinburgh Castle and the beauty of the Crown jewels made our jaws drop. A late-night bus drive to York gave us time to reflect on the amazing day we’d had and ponder the one ahead.

After a good night’s sleep we toured the incredible York Minster Cathedral with soaring ceilings and stunning stained glass windows. We also sang for the congregation after walking through the rain to St Helen’s Stonegate, and returned to York Minster to sing Evensong before some fun New Year’s Eve celebrations together.

“Sister Jennifer is a West Australian and was ordained at the Perth College chapel! Westminster Abbey was a truly magical experience.”

On one of our busiest days in London, we saw the changing of the guards outside Buckingham Palace. Then we sang Evensong at Westminster Abbey for 1,000 people! Two of the Sisters from the Community of the Sisters of the Church, Sister Jennifer and Sister Judith, joined us to worship. Sister Judith was the Chaplain at Westminster Abbey for five years until 2012.

The rest of our time in London consisted of bus tours, seeing St Paul’s Cathedral, Tower Bridge, the Bank of London, the ‘Gherkin’, the ‘Cheese Grater’ and the ‘Shard of Glass’. We also spent half a day at the Harry Potter studios, and took a walking tour of some of the colleges and universities.

There was an amazing view from the London Eye. We saw two spectacular musicals, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The Lion King. Miss Cumming has a lot to live up to this year!

During our time in London, we sang four times: at Westminster Abbey, St George’s Bloomsbury; Ham Common for the Community of the Sisters of the Church (the order, founded by Emily Ayckbourn, that started schools in many places, including Perth College) and the Salvation Army International Headquarters. We also took part in a workshop with VOICES8, a group which performs around the world. We sang ‘Elijah Rock’ for them and did lots of vocal exercises, including singing like a witch – and it made such a difference!

The England and Scotland Choir Tour was an amazing experience we will never forget.
Campion are Champions
House spirit was proudly on display at the Years 7 to 12 House Swimming Championships on Wednesday 12 February. Campion placed first after the day’s events at Challenge Stadium, with Barron close behind in second.

4th: Bedford 1514.50
3rd: Lawley 1638
2nd: Barron 1726
1st: Campion 1858.5

Record Breaker
Rhiannon Smit, Year 7 50m Backstroke
Previous Record 38.15
New Record 37.97

Junior 100m Freestyle Champion
Brooke Rego, Year 8
1:03.33

Senior 100m Freestyle Champion
Olivia Smith, Year 10
1:07.00

Christine Morrison Trophy for the Champion Open 50m Breaststroke Swimmer
Lexi Njirich, Year 9
38.75

Pat Bold Trophy for the Champion Open 50m Freestyle Swimmer
Brooke Rego, Year 8
29.52.

Slalom’s a rush for Senior School students
Two Senior School students have been selected in the slalom national talent squad to tour New Zealand in December.

The skills of Nina Mueller (Year 10) and Georgina Collin (Year 12) on a kayak were on show at the Australian Schools Slalom and Wildwater Championships in Sydney during January. The girls brought home two silver medals and a bronze between them in the ladies K1 and C1 events for their age groups.
The championships were held on the course used during the 2000 Sydney Olympics at Penrith Whitewater Stadium. Their results and selection in the talent squad were more impressive because the girls lack the training facilities available to kayakers in other states; when water levels are high enough during winter, they can train at Walyunga National Park or in Collie but the majority of their training is on flat water.

Georgina also competed at the Oceania Championships in Sydney during February.

The sport tests their resilience and physical strength, with the girls having to be strong enough to roll up after capsizing or self-rescue in whitewater.

Both Nina and Georgina entered the sport in 2008 with the Ascot Kayak Club, and train there twice a week, paddling in a C2 as a pair where possible. Their passion extends to coaching new participants and junior members.

**Yasemin’s star on the rise**

Kayaking is a sport growing in popularity amongst Perth College girls. At the time of going to print, Yasemin Ray (Year 8) was due to compete at the Australian Canoeing National Sprint Championships in West Lakes, South Australia. Involved in the sport since the age of 10, Yasemin was one of the youngest competitors at the event.

She also competed at the Canoeing WA State Sprint Titles held at Champion Lakes in January, placing first in the women’s under-14 K1 200m, K1 500m, K1 1000m and K1 2500m. With her partner, Shania Smee, she was first in the women’s under-14 K2 500m and K2 1000m.

The aim of sprint racing – as the name suggests – is about speed on flat water. While the kayaks are sleek and fast, they are also unstable, and kayakers use specially-designed paddles for extra power and efficiency.
2013 Foundation highlights

Following the success of the Annual Giving Heritage Walk in 2012, in 2013, its third year of operation, the Perth College Foundation continued to attract strong support towards its goal of raising $1.5 million for its Scholarship Fund. A warm thank you to our donors, who collectively gave more than $276,280, including a very generous gift from past parent, Peter Rose.

In 2013, the Foundation Board was also humbled by two donations from the Feilman Foundation: a $1.2 million donation towards the Building Fund for future master planning, and a $600,000 donation towards the Scholarship Fund. The InsideOut Scholarship was hence re-named to honour Old Girls, Margaret and Patricia Feilman. The first Margaret and Patricia Feilman InsideOut Scholarship recipient commenced in Year 10 at Perth College in 2014. A tribute to the late visionary, Margaret Feilman, is found on page 26 of this edition.

New Foundation Chair

The Perth College Foundation acknowledges the significant contribution of its inaugural Chair, Andrew Roberts, and welcomes newly elected Chair, Bree Ludlow.

“I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to attend Perth College. I credit the education I received, and the community I became a part of, with a lot of the happiness and success I have enjoyed in my adult life,” she said.

An Old Girl who attended Perth College from 1988 to 1995, Bree brings a background in commercial litigation and law to the position.

“Each year, current and future students benefit from the Foundation’s support. A variety of networking opportunities throughout the year enable supporters of the Foundation to mingle, make new contacts, strengthen relationships and reinforce the School’s extraordinary sense of community.”

Annual Giving 2014: giving the gift of an education

The Perth College Annual Giving programme runs for approximately six weeks each year in advance of 30 June.

Currently the major goal of the Perth College Foundation is to raise $1.5 million towards the Scholarship Fund.

This achievement would allow the Margaret and Patricia Feilman InsideOut Scholarship to be offered in perpetuity, to one girl in each year group from Years 7 to 12, throughout their Senior School education. This gives the gift of an education to students who would otherwise not be able to attend Perth College.

Supporting the Foundation

If you would like information about the Perth College Foundation, or to support the 2014 Annual Giving programme, please contact the Director of Community Development, Jo Nitz, for a confidential discussion on (08) 9471 2119 or email jo.nitz@pc.wa.edu.au. All gifts are tax deductible.

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Buildling and Grounds

Pool project given tick of approval
Regular users of the swimming pool have given its new look two thumbs up.
Major renovations were completed during the Christmas holidays. Members of the Perth Swim Academy were the first to test the new pool when the 2014 season kicked off in January.
Pool Manager, John Fielding, was thrilled with the outcome.

“Everyone who visits says it looks fantastic,” he said.

“The end result is exactly what was planned and has proved to be very functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.”
The works, including a new wet deck, renovated plant room with new filter, electric rollers for the pool covers and a solar heating system, have:

- Doubled the amount of water passing through the filter every hour, significantly improving water clarity
- Increased energy efficiency, due to plant and equipment replacement
- Allowed for the remote monitoring of plant room readings

“The solar heating has been performing well and it is anticipated there will be a significant saving in gas usage and cost,” Mr Fielding said.

“A small water leak was also rectified during the reconstruction, which will decrease the amount of water we use.”
Mr Fielding, who has served as Pool Manager for three years, said the project was the first major renovation in the pool’s 30-year history and was necessary to extend its lifespan.

“The regular swimmers have given it the big thumbs up for water clarity and love the track start diving blocks as well,” he said.

Planning is now underway to upgrade the swimming pool changerooms, using the proceeds from November’s Fete.

Fresh look for food at PC
Affie’s Café has a new home and now incorporates the former Canteen following changes to catering arrangements at Perth College in 2014.

LAPG Education – part of the Compass Group – has come on board to operate Affie’s as well as the boarders’ dining room and has introduced a menu specifically designed for the nutritional needs of young girls.

Compass Group Area Manager, Blake Hammond, said the company’s philosophy was to offer food made from scratch using fresh, seasonal produce.

“All items on the menu are made using healthy cooking techniques such as poaching to reduce calories and fat, and are approved by the WA School Canteen Association,” he said.

“Rebecca Bridges, who has taken on the role of Perth College Catering Manager, specialises in nutrition and educates the girls about what they are eating, based on our Smart Food programme.

“Meals include wholegrain breads and cereals and different types and colours of vegetables. We reduce salt where possible, our juices are all 100 per cent juice, and the girls are encouraged to consume enough dairy.

“We also minimise the serving sizes of sweet treats.”

Affie’s Café, managed by Yvonne Silvi, has been refurbished in a modern style reminiscent of a funky café and the boarders’ dining room has also been revamped.

“It’s a very upmarket look; we want the girls to be excited about what they see and encourage them to buy healthy food,” Mr Hammond said.

Affie’s Café now features a qualified barista and is open from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm.
Open Day

Honouring a long-standing tradition at Perth College, the School opened its doors to prospective families, current parents, Old Girls and the general community on the Labour Day public holiday.

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Year 11 Dinner Dance
Pan Pacific Hotel, Saturday 15 February. Photo credits: Bliss Studio; Judy Parker (Head of Boarding).
Year 12 Ball

Hyatt Hotel, Saturday 15 February. Photo credits: Bliss Studio; Songy Knox Photography.
How long have you been at Perth College and where are you from?
I was born in Perth and have lived in the same house ever since. My parents were lucky enough to have Perth College recommended to them when I was very small, so I have been here since Prep. The School has basically become my second home. It has also enabled me to experience a bit of its history and watch how it has changed over time.

Do you have any special memories from your time at PC?
It's extremely hard to narrow it down to a couple, but if I had to pick a few it would definitely be the various school productions, winning the IGSSA Athletics in 2011, the many camps, especially the Murchison or InsideOutback as it is now called, and, of course, the 2013 Officials handover. However even though there have been many special memories from events and school life, the friends I have made here are second to none and being able to grow up with them is by far the most special thing.

What is special about Perth College?
Definitely the people, who come from all different backgrounds and all have their own story to tell; despite these differences, the saying “once a PC girl, always a PC girl” is very true. We have a wonderful tight-knit community of students, staff, Old Girls, parents and friends as well as the history of the Sisters of the Church, who founded Perth College. Because of this we are lucky enough to have links to our sister schools all around the globe.

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What does your role as Head Girl involve, and what does it mean to you?
As clichéd as it sounds, I have always wanted to be the Head Girl since I started here so it means an awful lot to me. Having said that, I think it’s really important people realise I am just the same as everyone else, which enables me to represent everyone in the best way possible. My role of Head Girl involves working with the Executive team (comprising the Deputy Head Day Girl, Claire Shinkfield, and Head and Deputy Head Day Girls, Stephanie Tran and Molly Goldacre, and myself) on projects, representing the School at functions as well as representing the student body.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?
I absolutely love photography, making the most important thing I own my camera. My friends will tell you how annoying I was on the French trip when I took 4,000 photos! I just love it and it’s one of my favourite ways to relax.

What is your favourite weekend activity?
Definitely doing something with my friends. If it was summer, it would probably be spending the day doing a bit of cooking, playing tennis, swimming and eating lots of Oreos and ice cream. If it was winter, running around in the rain and then drying off and watching a good movie with some chocolate close by.

If you had just $10 in your wallet, what would you spend it on?
That’s a hard one, although food would probably be my best pick; I’m a little bit obsessed with it. I would buy some cheese, bread and lots of chocolate.
How long have you been a student at Perth College, and where are you from?

I first came into Boarding in 2010, making this my fifth year at PC. I come from a small town called Bencubbin, 300km north-east of Perth in the central Wheatbelt. A tiny population of about 150 people means we have no high school; my parents wanted me to get the best education possible and I thank them for giving me such a great opportunity.

What are your most treasured memories from your time at PC?

The things I will never forget from my time at PC are the friendships I have formed with both the day girls and boarders. I will most definitely remember all the classic Boarding House antics that we typically get up to and especially the Officials handover. No other school does it PC style!

What makes Perth College so special to you?

Perth College has given me the opportunity to create new friendships in a caring and supportive environment. The Boarding House provides the right setting, which has allowed me to focus on my academic progress due to compulsory study time. The House Mothers really care for all the girls and without their constant support we would be lost.

What does being Head Boarder involve, and what does it mean to you?

My main role is to represent the girls in the Boarding House and be the link between them and the rest of the School. Along with the Boarding Executive, we try to make the Boarding House the best place it can be by meeting with the girls on the Boarders’ Council to get feedback from them and hear what they have to say. Being Head Boarder has given me one of the best opportunities I’ve ever received and it’s something I will never forget.

What do you like most about the Boarding House?

One thing I love most is being able to live with all my friends. As an only child, coming from a home with no siblings to a Boarding House full of girls was definitely a big change for me! As clichéd as this may sound, it’s like having 100 sisters and that means 100 wardrobes to raid!

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?

In primary school I played football for two years and I was the only girl on the team. In my first ever game I got three goals and mark of day; I thought that was a pretty good start!

What is your favourite weekend activity?

I enjoy going out and spending the day with the girls and catching up with friends, which usually involves a bit of retail therapy and having lunch.

If you had just $10 in your wallet, what would you spend it on?

Tan Popo (a Japanese Tea House), to buy the most amazing chicken Teriyaki I’ve ever had. If you haven’t tried it, you’re definitely missing out.

Head Boarder, Briana Probert
Brianna Le Dan

*Student at Perth College for seven years*

What are your favourite memories from your time at PC?

Winning my fun run medal, and going on Year 5 camp.

What makes Perth College so special to you?

All the wonderful friends I have here.

What does being Year 6 Class Captain involve?

Being a Class Captain means being kind, responsible and showing strong leadership qualities.

What do you like most about being in the Junior School?

I get to participate in so many activities.

What are you most looking forward to about joining the Senior School in 2015?

Extending my art skills and creating artistic masterpieces.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?

I used to be an Irish dancer!

Kristina Atsaros

*Student at Perth College for one year*

What are your favourite memories from your time at PC?

Camp, Fete, last year’s musical and assemblies.

What makes Perth College so special to you?

My friends.

What does being Year 6 Class Captain involve?

Being responsible, organised and having fun. I hope to be successful by introducing new projects and competitions.

Kristina Atsaros and Brianna Le Dan are the Semester One Year 6 Class Captains
How long have you worked at Perth College?
Since 1998,

What do you enjoy most about working at Perth College?
What could be better than talking about books and films all day to a captive audience?! Seriously, English teaching is about making a difference, helping students to see their world in different ways, and to think. At PC we’re blessed with students who want to learn and are open to thinking in different ways – which makes it a pleasure. We’re also blessed with having great freedom – conferred by the leadership in the School – to teach what we feel is most valuable to the students. This openness and willingness to take risks in what we learn is what keeps the discipline fresh, and the classroom interesting.

What are your fondest memories from your time at the School?
What sticks in my mind are moments of hilarity – the staff and students I’ve worked with who have made me laugh, and whom I still chuckle thinking about. Mostly, my mind is drawn back to the everyday experiences in the classroom, department or staff room, when we have laughed together – which brings us together as a community. I can think of many moments, but daren’t write them – what happens in the classroom stays in the classroom!

Tell us a little bit about yourself...
I started teaching in 1998, after eight years at uni and without a teaching degree. Judith Cottier was willing to take a chance on me, and I flatter myself that it paid off. I’d been working on my doctorate and teaching in the History department. I’d enjoyed the teaching aspect of the job much more than I anticipated, indeed, more than the research, so, when the scholarship money ran out I decided it was time to get a real job and applied to teach English at PC, which was then run by Vida Piper, who had herself taught me as a student at St Hilda’s. In the time I’ve been here, I’ve got married, got that teaching degree as well as a Certificate of Gifted Education, had two delightful children and became Head of English.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?
It’s known by a few about the place that my great love is dressmaking. In the holidays, I take time to indulge in whipping up a few dresses for myself, and generally a few superhero onesies for my boys. This is why I may look a bit ragged in August – Book Week is always a bit of a production in my house.

If you had just $10 left in your wallet, what would you spend it on?
I’d end up buying a ‘treat’ for my kids.
How long have you worked at Perth College?
I have been at PC for 31 years. I started in 1982 when the school Principal was Christopher Ellis. When he retired, Judith Cottier replaced him and the School grew in both number and stature, which continues today under the leadership of Jenny Ethell.

What do you enjoy most about working at Perth College?
I love watching the development of the girls as they progress from the early years to Year 12 and blossom into young women. They're not too old for me to share a hug and I love hearing their stories.

What are your fondest memories from your time at the School?
When I think of Perth College my feelings go deeper than just the community; I have a real sense of belonging. The one thing I am not that fond of is being reminded of the many years I have been at PC as I am now meeting the daughters of my first students! Oh, how old this makes me feel – but, in the same breath, I am so very proud of my achievements as they have grown to become beautiful young women.

“When I think of Perth College my feelings go deeper than just the community; I have a real sense of belonging.”

Tell us a little bit about yourself…
From the age of eight years, I grew up in a foster home and was raised by the most wonderful mother. She taught me to love myself first and to have room in my heart for others.

I used to run the office in Boans, Morley, and left to marry Allan Wynne, the love of my life. We have two beautiful daughters and are now very proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?
I have never liked eating ice-cream or lollies and I was told constantly that this wasn’t normal for a child. I still don’t like ice-cream...

If you had just $10 left in your wallet, what would you spend it on?
I would beg, borrow or steal another $10 and buy a good book. Then I would find a leafy tree to sit beneath and read it.
How long have you worked at Perth College?
I started in 2005 as a one-year replacement and more than nine years later I’m still here! I took a six-month hiatus in 2010 and went travelling.

What do you enjoy most about working at Perth College?
I am very lucky to have the best department – they are not only my colleagues but also wonderful friends! The students are amazing, every day is different and I laugh often – PC is certainly not monotonous! Whether it is in a coaching capacity, teaching PE/Health, watching my Form students grow from young, timid girls to confident and caring Year 12s, or travelling on a sporting tour, I love my job.

Possibly one of the most satisfying aspects is teaching Years 11 and 12 PE Studies – the course is so relevant and engaging and it's really satisfying to see our subject area contributing to the girls’ ATAR scores. It is a challenging, scientific course and it’s really important to me that people realise Phys-Edders integrate and teach exercise physiology, biomechanics, psychology, and anatomy every day and don’t just stand around blowing a whistle!

What are your fondest memories from your time at the School?
Winning the IGSSA Athletics in 2011 was an absolute highlight… we had very few actual ‘athletes’ but that day would have to have been the epiphany of a team effort. Every athlete ran/jumped/throws out of their skin and what a way to break Penrhos’ seemingly unbeatable hold on the IGSSA Athletics!

Tell us a little bit about yourself...
Despite my daily sports attire I have a penchant for buying lots of dresses. I think I would have at least 60! I love animals and live with two dogs and three cats... it’s a bit of a zoo. Holidays consist of camping, travelling and eating good food. I have always played a lot of sport and have travelled to Ireland to play Gaelic football on a number of occasions, however, I’ve had two ACL reconstructions in the past 18 months so have not played competitive sport for two years.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?
I am an identical twin. This often causes confusion, particularly in public situations where my sister is required to respond to young girls yelling out my name, or staring and smiling, wondering why ‘I’ am not saying hello. Please don’t think I’m rude – it’s just that it’s not me!

If you had just $10 left in your wallet, what would you spend it on?
Definitely coffee. I used to hate coffee and lasted three years at PC before I succumbed to its caffeinated properties. We do too many early mornings and late nights not to embrace it.

Acting Director of Sport, Lydia Padgett
Tributes

Katarina (Katie) Leah Benwell

With an incredible zest for life, generous spirit and exuberant personality, Katie Benwell left a positive impression upon everyone she met. Such was the impact of the 2007 Leaver on Perth College during her two years at the School, a scholarship will be created in her memory.

The daughter of Piers and Liz and a twin to Lara, Katie was born in London on 25 April 1989 and grew up in Shoreham near Sevenoaks, Kent, where she developed a love for walking, tennis, cycling, horse riding and swimming. After the family relocated to Perth mid-2005, the twins enrolled in Year 10 at Perth College in October and immediately threw themselves into School life.

Katie loved the Western Australian lifestyle, having holidayed in Perth throughout her childhood to visit her mother's family. The warmer weather was more conducive to her love of swimming and she represented Perth College several times, receiving a sport award in 2006 and again in 2007 in recognition of her achievements. As a Year 12 student, she was thrilled to captain Bedford House and her teamwork skills came to the fore.

After graduating, Katie and Lara took a gap year to travel around the United Kingdom and Europe, and upon returning to Perth, Katie enrolled at Curtin University. A trip to Laos with 10 fellow trainee teachers through Rotary's Global Helping Hand programme, which empowers disadvantaged people through education, confirmed she was pursuing the right path. Katie was awarded her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) and International Baccalaureate Teaching Award in January 2013.

Working part-time enabled Katie to travel in the second half of the year. She was an integral part of the summer camp programme run by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and is remembered fondly by campers who spoke about the lasting impression she made on them. Katie was in her element during a holiday in Croatia in September.

She passed away unexpectedly, aged 24, while still travelling on Tuesday 1 October. Her school and university friends, fellow travellers, workmates and family remember a positive, cheerful young lady who worked hard to achieve her goals and was happiest when helping others.

Dr Margaret Anne Feilman

Margaret Feilman, widely known as a pioneer in architecture and town planning in Western Australia, passed away at her home, aged 92, on 24 September 2013.

A scholarship student at Perth College from 1934 until 1937, her drive, perseverance and strength were apparent from a young age. She became a Prefect and was named Dux in her final year of secondary schooling.

Finishing a year ahead of schedule, Margaret was too young to attend the University of Western Australia and was...
therefore articled to the WA Government’s Principal Architect, becoming the first female architectural cadet the state had acquired.

During her four-year cadetship, Margaret worked for the State Housing Commission and studied part-time at UWA for an Arts Degree in History and Economics. In 1945, she qualified to register as an Architect and undertook a cadetship in the Public Works Department – the first and, at the time, only woman in its workforce.

Practical work to reconstruct Darwin and much of New Guinea during the war, combined with her qualifications, soon made her eligible for a British Council Scholarship to study Town and Country Planning at the University of Durham, where she was, again, the only female in the course.

Returning to Australia in 1950, she took the bold step of opening her own practice, the only one of its kind operating in WA at the time. As the first fully-qualified Town Planning Consultant in the state and, as a qualified Architect as well, she was at the forefront of her profession and set an example for the emergence, post-war, of young women seeking careers in Western Australia’s development.

Featured in the Myola magazine in 1955, Margaret was the first former student to be profiled in a series recognising Old Girls who had distinguished themselves in their chosen profession. Despite her success, she said she would hesitate to recommend her career path to other girls; long days restricted her pursuit of hiking, surfing, the visual arts, reading, gardening and travelling, although she was able to serve on the committee of the Art Gallery Society of WA for 10 years.

Margaret established the Feilman Foundation in 1976, with her sister, Patricia, to provide grants for charitable purposes in the areas of the environment, children and youth, aged care, culture and education as well as general community benefit and medical and scientific research.

It was a measure of her impact on WA and her services to architecture and conservation that Margaret was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1981 and was also made an honorary fellow of the Royal Australian Planning Institute.

Retiring in 1984, Margaret was able to devote more time to the Feilman Foundation and was recognised for her generosity when the Old Girls’ Association named her Old Girl of the Year.

In her later years, Margaret spent much of her time at the home she had designed and built in Crawley, enjoying pursuits in visual art and pre-history, theatre and ballet, archaeology, gardens, landscape, heritage and the environment. Through the Foundation, she was a regular benefactor to Perth College. A trailblazer in her professional life and a dedicated philanthropist, her contribution to WA has been truly enormous.
Grand Gala Dinner

Old Girls from the Classes of 1939 through to 2003 – many of whom travelled from interstate or overseas – celebrated the end of the 2013 centenary year in style.

More than 170 ladies and their partners enjoyed a lavish gala dinner in the Pavilion on Friday 29 November.

The event was organised by a committee comprising Christine (Scurlock) Price, Jan (Brown) Nielson, Pauline (Robotham) Uhe, Jasmin (Dromey) Brain, and Dot (Sommerville) Stewart. Margaret (Sommerville) Gregory loaned her artistic flair by creating floral centrepieces for each table. These cleverly represented the centenary star, Myalla. A bird on a wire depicted the PC Wire while individual coloured lights represented the four School Houses.

OGA Patron and Principal, Jenny Ethell, was made an Honorary Old Girl for her tireless support of the organisation during her 11 years at Perth College.

Country catch-up

The tranquil setting of Pat Poynton’s ‘Secret Garden’ at Willyabrup proved ideal for the Old Girls’ Association’s Country Luncheon in October.

The 1968 Leaver opened her property to 168 Old Girls, families and friends, who were amazed by the European-style grand country garden, set against natural bushland, which has been a labour of love for more than 15 years.

The group later moved on to enjoy lunch at Flutes Restaurant.
Save the Date!

Singapore Get-together
Old Girls and current parents living in or travelling through Singapore are invited to catch up with Principal, Jenny Ethell on Saturday 3 May. Please visit www.trybooking.com/EFRX to register your interest.

Adelaide Get-together
All Old Girls living in or travelling through Adelaide are invited to join Principal, Jenny Ethell, for a casual catch-up on Sunday 17 August. If you would like to attend, please visit www.trybooking.com/EFSB.

WA Country Luncheon
Details are still to be confirmed, however, Old Girls interested in attending a Country Luncheon in Bridgetown are urged to set aside the first weekend in November for a function at the property of 1958 Leaver, Patty Rodgers.
Community Events

PC High Tea supports Cambodia and the Solomon Islands

The generosity of nearly 200 parents and friends who attended the PC High Tea on Thursday 27 February has helped to raise $14,000 for the School’s social justice programmes in Cambodia and the Solomon Islands.

The organising committee, led by Hayley Stanisis, ensured a lavish event and an afternoon of fine food, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction to raise funds for these worthy causes.

New Parents’ Dinner

More than 230 parents who are new to Perth College in 2014 were formally welcomed to the School by the School Council at a special function on Tuesday 4 March. Canapes were served by student helpers from the Senior School before guests moved into the Big Quad, which was transformed by fairy lights and flowers, for a gourmet dinner.

Upcoming Events

Friends of Perth College Family Movie Night

Hop along and enjoy a movie under the stars with the family comedy HOP, rated PG.

Friends of Music Black and White Musical Cocktail Evening

Canapes and fine musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening at various School venues.

Saturday 5 April, gates open at 5.30 pm at Perth College Founders Centre for Early Learning, lawn area, 32 Queens Crescent.

Tickets: $8.00 per person, via www.trybooking.com/ENHV

Friends of Music Black and White Musical Cocktail Evening

Canapes and fine musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening at various School venues.

Friday 23 May, 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Perth College.

Tickets: $55.00 per person from www.trybooking.com/ENQQ. Buy five tickets and receive sixth ticket free!
Rumour has it some of Perth College’s favourite musicians may be returning for this special event!

**2014 Information Sessions and Community Tours**

During 2014, we invite you and your daughter to join us for an Information Session and Community Tour.

Available dates are: Tuesday 6 May, Thursday 19 June, Wednesday 6 August, Tuesday 9 September and Monday 20 October (evening session).

At 9.00 am the Principal will welcome guests. A school tour will commence at approximately 9.30 am followed by refreshments. October’s evening session will begin at 5.00 pm. Register your attendance through the website at www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au.

**Breakfast at Cable Beach**

Sunday 4 May, 8.00 am at The Zoo Bar and Café, 4 Sanctuary Road, Cable Beach. RSVP by Friday 25 April to Natalie Swannell on 9471 2124 or email development@pc.wa.edu.au.

**Kununurra Agricultural Show**

Principal, Jenny Ethell, invites you to visit the Perth College stand at the Kununurra Agricultural Show.

Friday 11 July, 2.00 pm to 9.00 pm and Saturday 12 July 8.00 am to late at the Kununurra Showgrounds, Kununurra.

**Breakfast in the Kimberley**

Sunday 13 July, 8.00 am at The Pumphouse Restaurant, Lot 3005 Lakeview Drive, Kununurra.

RSVP by Wednesday 2 July to Natalie Swannell on 9471 2124 or email development@pc.wa.edu.au.
The Perth College community achieved an outstanding result as thousands of people poured through the gates of Perth College on Sunday 3 November 2013 for the School’s triennial Fete. The auction, raffles, silent auction, sideshow alley and stores selling everything from fresh food to handmade arts and crafts and vintage products helped to raise more than $130,000 for the School. Proceeds will be used to upgrade the swimming pool change rooms.

Thank you Perth College community!

The Perth College Fete is a significant community event in scope and size. This success wouldn’t have been achievable without the tireless hours of voluntary work, deep personal commitment and support in kind from the Fete Committee, family members, staff, students, Old Girls, and local volunteers and businesses. It would take several pages of the Heritage to list everyone in recognition of their contribution. The Fete demonstrated just how rewarding and special it is when the School community works together for a common purpose.

Thank you to our sponsors

Perth College would also like to warmly thank our commercial sponsors for supporting the 2013 Fete. An event of this size would not be possible without your generosity:

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The 2006 Leaver was last year named a Rhodes Scholar and will travel to the United Kingdom in September to study at Oxford University.

After missing out on the prestigious honour at her first attempt, Freya was overjoyed in November 2013 to win the scholarship, which is awarded for exceptional intellect, character, leadership and community service and supports students with the potential to be ‘leaders for the world’s future’.

Passionate about helping the less fortunate and finding long-term public health solutions, Freya will pursue a Master’s degree in Global Health Science and Research in Public Health at Oxford, where she will live for three years.

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She did not know what to expect of life on campus but looked forward to learning from leading researchers and practitioners, and studying alongside students from diverse backgrounds.

“This will be my first time living overseas and all I know is that my degree will be challenging,” Freya said.

“There are 38 colleges at the university and I’ll be living at St John’s, which has an impressive history and will be different to anything I am used to.”

“The Rhodes Scholarship will give me the opportunity to build on my knowledge and skills so that I can make a difference to the lives of people from impoverished communities.”

Upon her return to Perth, Freya plans to study Medicine at the University of Western Australia, having already gained a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a Diploma in Modern Languages.

Freya is no stranger to the staff and students at Perth College. She was the guest speaker at the School’s Senior Presentation Night in early December and returned in February to present gifts to the high achievers from the Class of 2013. A five-time State medallist in the 100m hurdles, she also volunteers as a coach of the athletics team.

In addition to working part-time at St John of God Hospital in Murdoch, Freya organises weekly soccer matches for volunteers and detainees at the Perth Immigration Detention Centre and is also Co-Director of Upside. Freya spent last November working in Nepal for the non-profit organisation, which partners with villages to develop community-owned agricultural businesses which, in turn, provide funds for education and health.

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“I am very interested in preventative health, in managing disease on a global scale through vaccinations, community development programmes and other preventative measures.”
Parent Welcome Sundowner

Nearly 500 mums, dads and staff took the opportunity on Sunday 2 February to mingle, meet new faces and catch up with old friends at the Friends of Perth College Parent Welcome Sundowner.

The beautiful summer evening was a great way to kickstart 2014 and for the Friends of Perth College committee to introduce themselves to the School community. Year 12 Officials served canapes and spoke with guests about their roles at Perth College, demonstrating why they will be very capable leaders in 2014.

Save the Date!

Upcoming Friends of Perth College events include:

- Friday 9 May – Mothers’ Day Luncheon
- August – Parent Event
- 23 November – Christmas Carols

Friends of Perth College Wishlist

One of the group’s annual tasks is fundraising to provide additional resources and facilities that enable the School to deliver a world-class education and maximise opportunities for each student. These funds are channelled back to each department, after staff have submitted a wishlist of items they would like for the following year.

Items provided by the FoPC in 2013 included:

- Camera tripod – Library
- Catering and event equipment – Development Office
- Sewing machine – Creative Arts
- Scoreboard – Physical Education
Excellence over time
By Trish Montgomery, Archivist

The vision for Perth College from its earliest years was for the School to be at the forefront academically, the focus of which was to encourage students to strive for a tertiary education.

Examinations were the testing ground. Perth College offered entrance scholarships in 1910 and by 1912, girls were excelling in the Adelaide University examinations.

In 1913, the University of Western Australia was established, to be followed by a new system of local examinations geared to specific courses and entry requirements. The Junior and Leaving examinations were introduced in 1914 with a standardised syllabus.

In 1914, Isobel Armstrong and Anna (May) Nicholson were two of the 10 Perth College recipients of the University Exhibitions granted by the government, based on the results of the Leaving Certificate examination held in November of that year. The Exhibitions were tenable for a period of three years to the value of 40 pounds while attending university.

Since the early days, a tradition of success in General and Subject Exhibitions has continued. In 2007, Perth College achieved a record-breaking five General and one Subject Exhibitions. In 2005, the Beazley Medal was awarded to Caryn Vincen while in 2013, Freya Shearer (2006) was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

With examinations becoming the testing ground in the early 20th century, general knowledge also accounted for excellence. In the 1970s Perth College was extremely successful in receiving accolades for the statewide competition of It’s Academic, a Channel 7 quiz show, on more than one occasion.

Many Perth College students have achieved excellence over the years in a variety of forms – hopefully giving all of them a lifelong love of learning.
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