By nominating Perth College as a beneficiary in your will, you are leaving an enduring legacy to help us to fulfil our vision — Perth College girls: Remarkable women.

Benefits of leaving a bequest

Giving to the Perth College Foundation offers many benefits to supporters and also to current and future generations of Perth College girls:

• Making a bequest to Perth College will provide an opportunity for you to support the School without diminishing your current assets
• You can direct your bequest to any area of the School that is of interest to you
• A bequest can easily be modified by adding a codicil
• Advising the School of your intentions during your lifetime will enable us to acknowledge you and express our gratitude
• A gift of appreciation will be provided to those supporters who have chosen to leave a legacy to Perth College, along with invitations to special events, including the annual Jacaranda Society lunch, hosted by the Principal, Jenny Ethell.

“Being part of a family with a long history of association with Perth College has given me a great insight into what Perth College can achieve for individual girls and the community. My parents’ involvement with the ‘Get Physical Appeal’ for the Gym and the ‘Dream Alive Appeal’ for the Judith Cottier Theatre are wonderful examples of how planned giving and the amazing Perth College community can work together to benefit the School and the girls.

Leaving a bequest means there is a living gift within the School’s fabric. We have gained so much from many who have gone before in their physical and fiscal efforts. These gifts can be in the form of bricks and mortar, equipment or alternatively to assist in the education of girls who may not have the opportunity of attending Perth College.”

Andrew Roberts
Chair of the Perth College Foundation

Contact us

Please contact the School if you have chosen to leave a bequest, which allows the Foundation to communicate its appreciation. Should you wish to have a confidential discussion or receive information about leaving a gift to the School, please email foundation@pc.wa.edu.au.

Alternatively, please contact the Director of Community Development, Jo Nitz, by phoning (08) 9471 2119, to discuss how your bequest can benefit the young women of Perth College.

Perth College will endeavour to guard your legacy and ensure your gift benefits future generations of girls. Potential beneficiaries can be assured all communication with the School regarding bequests will be strictly confidential.
The Jacaranda Society was launched to acknowledge members of our Perth College family who have or would like to make a provision for the School through their will.

The name of the society was chosen from the School’s iconic Jacaranda tree, which has become synonymous with Perth College and holds a special place for generations of our Old Girls. The tree brings a sense of belonging and represents the history and growth of the School, particularly during the first week of November when the tree blooms, prior to final exams. This sentiment still resonates with our students today.

FOUNDING PATRON

Perth College welcomes our President of the Old Girls’ Association, Bev Ireland (1960), as the Founding Patron of the Jacaranda Society, who has been appointed to provide support and guidance.

“Over the years, Perth College has been fortunate to have Old Girl benefactors who have helped the School to remain at the forefront of education for ourselves, our daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters. We want this to continue for generations to come.

Talking to Old Girls of varying ages, many of us have never thought of leaving a bequest to the School, so future generations can benefit from the wonderful education we received. It is very simple to leave a bequest. If you are making a will, consider remembering Perth College according to your means.

I have, as did my Mother, 1934 Leaver Joan (Firth) Gordon. We both felt this was a way to give back to our wonderful School, a mere fraction of what we were given.”

How bequests will make a difference to future generations of girls

By making a bequest you will be able to:

- Provide scholarships for those girls who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend Perth College
- Improve educational facilities and equipment
- Assist with future building projects
- Assist the School to stay at the forefront of girls’ education (e.g., supporting the introduction of new programmes such as InsideOut)

How to leave a bequest?

To assist your legal advisor, Perth College recommends the inclusion of a paragraph in your will. If you have already made a will and you wish to leave a gift, you may be able to make a simple change by adding a codicil, which includes Perth College as a beneficiary.

Bequests to the School can be made in a number of different forms and can be directed to an area of particular interest. Gifts such as property, art, money, chattels or a percentage of your estate are gratefully received by the School and all contributions large or small are certainly appreciated. We encourage our benefactors to ensure they provide for their family first and to consult with their legal advisor. For your assistance, the type of clause your legal advisor might consider using in your will for this purpose is:

“I give and bequeath:

- The sum of $..........................
- My property situated at..........................
- The following chattels..........................
- A ...................... per centum share of my estate to Perth College, 31 Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley, Western Australia 6050 for its general purposes and the receipt of its Principal shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executor in respect of this bequest.”

Bequests have played a significant part in the School’s development. Owing to the generosity of benefactors, funds have been given towards the construction of key facilities and to assist with keeping Perth College at the forefront of girls’ education. Through bequests, we are reminded of our history and the real difference earlier generations have made to the success of the School today. Students will continue to benefit for many years to come due to a benefactor’s generosity and legacy.

Anyone who chooses to leave a bequest will be invited to join the Jacaranda Society. As a token of our appreciation, a gift will be provided to our benefactors.