Celebrating a Century

Perth College is celebrating a century of educating girls in Mount Lawley.

From its original enrolment of 32 students – including several boys – at a site in West Perth in 1902, Perth College grew rapidly. In 1913, the School's founding Sisters resolved to buy land to construct a new facility and discovered the Mount Lawley site by chance. When Perth College celebrated its Mount Lawley opening on 4 March 1916, 156 names were on the register.

In 1927, the Chapel was built, providing a spiritual heart and a tangible focus on the motto of Pro Ecclesia Dei – for the Church of God. The swimming pool opened in 1932, quickly becoming a defining feature of the School and generating its own stream of sporting activity and social life.

During World War II, the Sisters reluctantly agreed Perth College was needed as a military hospital and, with the boarders evacuated, equipment and nurses were moved in. When General Gordon Bennett arrived in WA seeking a place for his headquarters, he decided the School's location was ideal.

A milestone - the handover of Perth College from the Sisters to the Anglican Province of WA - occurred in 1968.

In 2002, the School marked 100 years since its West Perth beginnings and, three years later, a bequest from past student, Jean Rogerson, enabled the construction of a new Science building. The Founders Centre for Early Learning opened in 2011, incorporating two heritage-listed houses on Queens Crescent.

Prepared for the next chapter in its history with works beginning for the Senior Learning and Leadership Centre on Lawley Crescent, the School is proud of its place in Mount Lawley and the links forged with the community.
Dear friends,

I often wonder whether the Sisters who founded Perth College in 1902 dared to dream that it would become the institution it is today.

The School was the largest structure in the Mount Lawley Estate when it was built in 1915 and was a major facility for the district, drawing much interest across the eastern suburbs. From modest beginnings, the School flourished, surviving the war years and challenging financial times in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

More than 13,000 students have been educated at Perth College, and many have pioneered roles for women and made significant contributions to the community across generations.

Local residents and businesses have always generously supported our students and the School, including our triennial Fete, for which we are truly grateful.

We have planned a series of events to mark the milestone of 100 years of excellence in the education of girls in Mount Lawley. If you can’t attend our Open Day on Monday 7 March, we hope to see you at our Heritage Walk around the campus on Thursday 2 June or at our long table dinner on Saturday 30 July.

I hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to seeing you at our events.

Warm regards,
Jenny Ethell

Perth College girls are living up to the School’s mission to prepare students to think creatively, embrace personal excellence and live generously.

In addition to regular visits to Juniper St David’s and the Second Avenue Aged Care Facility, they have been making a difference in the wider community.

During December, 29 girls in Years 10 and 11 spent seven days helping to build two classrooms at a school in Vietnam.

The Year 10 ‘Caring for Children’ class ensured a happier Christmas for boys and girls, creating toys, jewellery and gifts for distribution by the social service organisation, Wanslea, while at the School’s Community Carols, students raised $2,300 for families affected by the fires across the Esperance region.

In November, Kindergarten students and more than 30 Years 9 and 10 dancers took part in a ‘flash mob’ at Kings Park to mark World Kindness Week. They were among thousands around the world performing to the same song on the same day, to show how kindness unites everyone.
Campus Enhancements

The facilities provided since Perth College opened in Mount Lawley in 1916 have evolved to meet ongoing advancements in education standards. This year will be no different, with a range of improvements underway.

The most prominent advancement is the state-of-the-art Senior Learning and Leadership Centre and associated car parking facilities on Lawley Crescent. These new amenities will allow senior students to learn in an environment that reflects the rapidly changing needs of young people and will also mirror today's workplaces and tertiary institutions.

“Artists impression of the new Senior Planning and Leadership Centre on Lawley Crescent”

The Centre will provide bright, open spaces for collaboration and independent study, and girls will be able to connect with other students and educators around the world.

“This facility will encourage our girls to demonstrate their self-leadership skills, build their independence and make a smooth transition to tertiary study, employment and life beyond Perth College,” Principal, Jenny Ethell, said.

“Our boarders will also enjoy new dining facilities and parking will be enhanced for staff, with an extensive car park in the basement. Amenities will also be provided to encourage cycling or electric cars.”

The architectural designs have been informed by best practice principles in contemporary education and feedback received through extensive community consultation. Stakeholder and community engagement was encouraged via a Dialogue Café, Open Days and information materials. Feedback revealed a high level of support for the proposed development.

Site work has commenced and it is proposed to appoint a builder by mid-2016. The School will continue to communicate with its neighbours to ensure the process is managed effectively and impacts are minimised.

Recent campus enhancements include:

- Providing ‘up-lighting’ on the historic Chapel and Administration buildings, highlighting the majesty at night;
- A new sign on the corner of Lawley Crescent and Beaufort Street in a style referencing our heritage while still being contemporary and effectively promoting the School;
- A fencing upgrade and improved landscaping along the Beaufort Street border, to better ensure student safety and create more green space for social and recreational uses; and
- Re-routing a sewer line in Lawley Crescent onto the School site, away from neighbours, to provide better access for future maintenance.

Arts Alive

The Creative Arts are as popular and strong as ever at Perth College, with students excelling locally and internationally.

Two recent graduates’ artworks will be displayed during the prestigious Year 12 Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA. ‘Used and Abused’ by Charlotte Foo and ‘I would like to tell you the story of my life’ by Isabella Criddle will feature in the annual snapshot of what the State’s most talented young artists are thinking and feeling. Creations by another three students from the Class of 2015, Madeleine Parsons, Zoë Hoffman and Renée O’Connor, were also selected for the 2016 Northern Perspectives exhibition at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre.

In music news, Emily Gelineau (Year 12) will follow some of the world’s most famous musicians when she attends the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston next year. She has received a rare full tuition scholarship. Alumni include John Mayer, Melissa Etheridge and Diana Krall. Emily wants to explore film scoring and will select violin as her principal instrument. She has been allowed to defer studies until May 2017 while she completes Year 12 at Perth College.

In the Performing Arts, 100 students are rehearsing for the School’s production of Hairspray, which runs from 21 to 24 March. The musical is the first show from our new Creative Director, Danny Parker, a local children’s author who has been tasked with enhancing and integrating the Creative and Performing Arts across the School.
### 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for academic, boarding, indigenous, music and Old Girls’ Association scholarships to attend Perth College close on **Friday 11 March**.

### HIGH TEA
**The Rise, Eighth Avenue, Maylands**  
Wednesday 16 March, 12 noon to 2.45 pm  
Support the School’s two social justice programmes in the Solomon Islands and Cambodia at the annual fundraiser, with auctions, raffles and gift bags.

### HAIRSPRAY
**Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College**  
Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 March, 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm  
Thursday 24 March, 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm  
The Senior School production of the Broadway musical features 100 performers from Years 7 to 12.

### 31ST ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION
**Perth College Pavilion, Lawley Crescent**  
Friday 1 April – champagne opening, 6.00 pm (tickets essential)  
Weekend viewing – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Enjoy and buy paintings, ceramics, glass, textiles, drawings and jewellery by emerging and well-known WA artists. Contact Jessica Marantelli on 9471 2163 or email Jessica.Marantelli@pc.wa.edu.au for more details.

### SENIOR MUSIC NIGHT
**Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College**  
Friday 29 April, 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm  
Our Music students from Years 7 to 12 showcase their talents across a range of instruments.

### FRIENDS OF PERTH COLLEGE MOTHERS’ DAY LUNCHEON
**Mount Lawley Golf Club**  
Friday 6 May, 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm  
Celebrate mums at this annual luncheon that will feature a guest speaker.

### HERITAGE WALK
**Perth College**  
Thursday 2 June, 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
A guided tour of the School to celebrate its centenary. $20 per person (includes canapés and refreshments).

### Emily Group Music Festival
A night of music-making will celebrate Perth College’s centenary in Mount Lawley and its shared heritage with five schools around Australia and New Zealand.

Students from the schools established by the Community of the Sisters of the Church gather every two years for a music festival, and in 2016, Perth College will host this special event, named after Mother Emily, who founded the order in 1870.

Perth College musicians will join 20 students from each visiting school in workshops and rehearsals, culminating in a concert on **Saturday 20 August** in the Judith Cottier Theatre – save the date! All community members are welcome.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ENSEMBLES CONCERT
**Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College**  
Thursday 28 June, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
Years 2 to 6 students perform in the School’s large instrumental ensembles.

### CONCERTO NIGHT
**Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College**  
Tuesday 28 June, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
An evening dedicated to performances by Year 12 students from Perth College and Aquinas College as they prepare for their final exams.

### CELEBRATION LONG TABLE DINNER
**Perth College, Big Quad**  
Saturday 30 July, 6.30 pm  
A delectable dinner to celebrate 100 years of Perth College on the Mount Lawley campus.

For enquiries or more details on these events, please email development@pc.wa.edu.au or contact the Perth College Development Office on 9471 2146.