



FIRBANK
GRAMMAR

TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES THROUGH

THE GIFT OF EDUCATION





WHAT A SCHOLARSHIP HAS MEANT TO ME

"Firbank Grammar has shaped who I am today. The Outdoor Education Programs, extra-curricular activities and academic work helped me to find a new confidence in myself and my abilities. The School encouraged me to discover what I was capable of in so many respects. It showed me the value of discipline, pushing myself beyond my comfort zone and exposing me to different fields of endeavour. I am grateful for the scholarship I received which supported me and gave me access to all these opportunities. I am currently studying Outdoor Education and Environmental Science at Victoria University and work part time at Firbank sharing my love of the outdoors with today's students."

Katja Hesse (2018)

LIFE CHANGING EDUCATION



Firbank Grammar was created as the result of a bequest from UK-based clergyman Canon Greene. In 1908, Anglican Archbishop Henry Lowther Clarke used Canon Greene's gift to help establish a new school for girls so they could experience the same educational opportunities as their brothers.

Although Firbank today is vastly different from this early school, our founding values endure. Our vision remains to provide students with an outstanding education and all the opportunities it brings.

Our history contains many examples of Old Grammarians, teachers and friends who have chosen to make a Gift through their Will to help provide life changing opportunities for students.

A Gift from Noelle Schollenberger (1947) provides scholarships for regional students so they can experience all the opportunities of a Firbank education. A Gift from Merrin James (1970) supports an annual Fellowship for Old Grammarians.

Others have chosen to direct their Gifts to programs including The Arts, Music and Drama.

A Gift in your Will, regardless of size, will have an impact for future generations.

“There are many problems, but I think there is a solution to all these problems; it’s just one, and it’s education.”

Malala Yousafzai
Female education activist and
2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



THE POWER OF A GIFT

Choosing to leave a Gift in your Will, to leave a legacy for future generations, is a deeply personal decision. Discover why our Pen-y-bryn Patrons have decided their legacy will be a gift to education at Firbank.



Suzy Cato-Gashler (1967)

I attended Firbank from Prep, initially at Atherstone (now Sandringham House), before moving to Brighton and continuing to Year 12. At school, I began a career as a catwalk and photographic model and after graduating from Melbourne University in Economics, Maths and Fine Arts, I pursued a professional acting career in film, television, radio and theatre.

It was at Firbank that my love of learning was nurtured by dedicated teachers who held high expectations for our success. When I see what Firbank is doing now, its vision, values and spirit of community, my decision to include the School in my Will to support scholarships and bursaries is affirmed.



Prue Tickner (Tyner, 1964)
Past staff member

Firbank has always been an integral part of my life. I was privileged to attend the school from five until the completion of my school days. Much later, I returned as a staff member as Junior School teacher librarian.

The ongoing development of Firbank is of great interest to me. As both a schoolgirl and teacher, I benefited from the hard work and generosity of those who had been before me in providing the facilities and resources I used. Now it is time to consider future generations, and to ensure the School continues to provide excellent teaching and learning facilities for those to come.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why leave a Gift in your Will?

Leaving a Gift in your Will is a simple but powerful way to care for your loved ones and support the causes that matter the most to you. It transforms your Will into one of the most potent tools for change there is.

A Gift in your Will costs you nothing today but has the capacity to transform lives in the future.

How do I include a Gift in my Will?

Whether or not you already have a Will, the easiest way to leave a Gift is to seek the help of a solicitor who offers a Will-writing service. You can also contact the Law Institute of Victoria, CPA Australia, or the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Once you have written your Will, we suggest sharing your intentions with your loved ones.

What are the different types of Gifts?

There are several different ways you can remember Firlbank Grammar in your Will. Here are three of the most common:

- A **Residual Gift** is simply whatever is left of your estate after you have provided for your family and friends.
- A **Percentage Gift** is the amount of your estate that you would like to leave.
- A **Specific Gift** can be a specified cash amount, or other assets of value such as real estate, shares, or art works.

Regardless of how you choose to make your Gift, you will be helping future generations.

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HOW CAN MY GIFT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

You can choose how your Gift is applied and how it will make a difference to future Firbank students.

You can direct your gift to:

- The **Firbank Grammar Scholarship Fund** and give the gift of education to students who otherwise would not be able to attend Firbank. Your Gift will help provide Academic, Music, Boarding and Indigenous Scholarships and Bursaries. You can also choose to establish a named perpetual scholarship to provide a half or full scholarship. Please contact the Advancement Office for further information on this type of Gift.
- The **Firbank Grammar Building Fund** and help provide students with modern teaching, sport, and recreational facilities.
- The **Firbank Grammar Library Fund** and help provide students with access to books and online resources.

Or you can choose to leave an unrestricted Gift and enable our Principal to direct your Gift to the area of greatest need.

You can be assured that your gift will be well-managed by our dedicated Board with support from our highly experienced financial advisors.





RECOGNISING YOUR SUPPORT



The Pen-y-bryn Society has been established to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of those who have chosen to support Firbank through their Will.

Membership of the Society is open to anyone who confirms their intention to leave a Gift to Firbank in their Will.

Members are encouraged to deepen their enduring connection to Firbank through personal updates and special

invitations to events and student performances. Your membership of this special group of Firbank supporters will also be recognised in selected school publications unless you wish to remain anonymous.

If you have already chosen to support Firbank in your Will and would like to join the Pen-y-bryn Society, please contact us so we can add you to the growing list of Society members.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We would be delighted to have a confidential discussion with you about how your Gift can benefit Firbank students. The Advancement Office can provide information and assistance to ensure that including a Gift in your Will is a simple and rewarding experience.

To discuss your interest in making a Gift that will transform young lives, please contact:



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