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WE CELEBRATE 2022
THE YEAR OF FREEDOM.



We pay our respects to this ancient Land that breathed life 300 million years ago. A Land that extends from the ridgeline of the Blue Mountains across the soft sandstone plateau to the coast into the ocean. These ridgelines are the water catchment areas. It's where the rain hits first and flows down into our rivers and creeks, rejuvenating the earth and filling waterholes and hanging swamps. A Land kissed by rainbows and home to the tall Blue Gums. We acknowledge this Land as mother to possums, lyrebirds, the laughing kookaburra, the tawny frogmouth and brush turkey. We recognise the deep cultural and spiritual connection of this Land to the peoples of this Country. We honour Elders, those past, present and emerging. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our community.

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



MS MARINA UGONOTTI

PRINCIPAL

NEW BEGINNINGS ARE ALWAYS A TIME FOR EAGERNESS AND HOPE, BUT IN 2022 WE TRULY EXPERIENCED A SENSE OF RENEWED OPTIMISM.

With a focus on the Loreto value of Freedom and a return to relative normalcy, 2022 was a year that held endless moments of growth. Though we were through the worst of the pandemic, 2022 was not short on challenges and adversity. In the face of these difficulties, both local and global, our girls continued to prove themselves to be 'seekers of truth and doers of justice', just as our foundress Mary Ward dreamed they would.

Mary Ward has been described as a "dangerous innovator" and "the first sister of feminism". She wasn't willing to accept the low expectations placed on women – this collective experience of women in all its diverse ways. Instead, she questioned it. She questioned the status quo, authority, convention. This pushing against the structures that enable and perpetuate injustice is what is needed to really break the bias. In doing so, Mary Ward stood firmly in her deep faith and personal relationship with God, in her steadfast belief that all people are made equal in the eyes of our Creator God.

As part of their leadership of the school in 2022, our Year 12 students explored the true meaning of freedom – the inner freedom that comes from accepting self and others – and gifted the School our motto for the year: 'God's love and the power of knowledge ignites the fire within that sets us free.' Guided by this, and the wisdom and rebellious spirit of Mary Ward, we have spent the year bringing to life through word and action

just what it means to be somebody educated and formed in this charism, in a Mary Ward School. We have allowed that stirring, listening to our own inner voices, to urge us to go out and question, to seek truth and to do justice.

2022 was also a year of great celebration. We celebrated the return to on-campus life, embracing our togetherness in as many ways as possible. We came together for the bigger, more momentous occasions such as our long-awaited Spring Fair, the Music Festival and all of the joyful celebrations that marked our 125th anniversary. We came together for the more everyday things – classes and sport and the sharing of our faith, recognising just as Mother Gonzaga Barry implored us to, the beauty and purpose in the humble "daily routines of life's duties". Each of these moments, the big and the small, the ordinary and extraordinary, have been lived with love, a sense of pride and an unbreakable community spirit.

Whilst we spent a lot of time reflecting on our 125 years of rich and vibrant history, we also spent time looking outwardly to the future, to all the wonderful things yet to come. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the realisation of our 30 year Master Plan is well under way, and our hopes and dreams for an even better place for our students to learn and grow, and for our boarders to call home, are becoming a reality.

As you peruse through the pages of this Loreto Life, I hope you'll notice that at the heart of all the moments that 2022 held there was one constant: the grit, compassion and cheerfulness of our students and staff, and thereby the strength of our community. ✦

OUR GIRLS CONTINUED TO PROVE THEMSELVES TO BE 'SEEKERS OF TRUTH AND DOERS OF JUSTICE', JUST AS OUR FOUNDRESS MARY WARD DREAMED THEY WOULD.

OUR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE BEGAN ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF NSW, TALKING TO EACH OTHER, AND THE REST OF THE SCHOOL, THROUGH OUR LAPTOP SCREEN. ALTHOUGH BEYOND TYPICAL IN EVERY SENSE, IT CHARACTERISED MUCH OF OUR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Trying to form a Student Council from many different parts of the country highlighted the importance of community and connectedness within a school, and how Loreto's strong sense of sisterhood is a pillar of our Loreto identity. Under the guidance of Loreto staff, we as the class of 2022, worked to reaffirm community connectedness after two years of uncertainty.

First up we were tasked to complete an instructional 'Normo in a Nutshell' document for the incoming Year 7's which made us deliberate very early on the type of impact we would make on our school and what that would look like. Simultaneously, we were exploring our value of 'Freedom' as a year group, questioning what Freedom means not only in a broader context, but also to a Normo student.

It became clear that we are most free when we are together. Loreto Normanhurst thrives on a type of community where every student has each others' back, and it is with this support, that we can truly liberate each other from a fear of failure and judgment. With this in mind, we formed our 2022 theme for Freedom as, "God's love and the power of knowledge ignites the fire within that sets us free".

This became the theme for many of our council and year group initiatives throughout the year, from organising house times to celebrating Harmony and Wear It Purple Day. We challenged traditional perceptions of freedom and amplified the importance of freedom that comes from within. Re-establishing traditions like Dancing in the Quad, Boarder vs Day Girl Benchball, and Super Girl Week, brought Normo spirit and the sense of fun back into our culture, working to bring back the vibrancy of Loreto life after two years of disrupted patterns.

Celebrating both the 50th anniversary of Music Festival and 125 years of Loreto Normanhurst, working to bring a variety of social justice and bursary initiatives to fruition, and watching them come alive, has been some of the most rewarding experiences we've had.

Under the guidance of Ms Ugonotti, Mrs Long, Mrs Parker, Ms Munro and other staff members, we have been privileged with the opportunity to learn from these amazing women who epitomise the Loreto values; and from this we were able to understand and extend to our peers what it means to be a Normo girl. Nearing the end of our Loreto journey, we express our immeasurable gratitude for our Loreto education, which has provided us with endless opportunities and experiences that we will carry into the rest of our lives.

As we embark into life beyond school, we will always remember the importance of community. Through celebrating our differences, empowering each other in our talents and knowing that freedom is found within, we may share with the world the unique gifts that only a Loreto education offers. ✦



MICHELLE HOFFMAN & EMMA WILKINSON

SCHOOL CAPTAIN & SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN 2021-22

School and Boarding Captains

School Captain	Michelle Hoffman
School Vice Captain	Emma Wilkinson
Boarder Captain	Frances Duffy
Boarder Vice Captain	Grace Boulding

House Captains

Aston	Chloe Mackay
Barry	Mia Hartley
Kendall	Zara Warland
Kuring-gai	Maia Henville
Maye	Chloe Lee
Mornane	Samantha Sposari
Mulhall	Mykaylah Bouchahine
Ward	Madison Webster

Extra-Curricular Captains

Academic Activities	Olivia Alexander
Communications/SRC	Lara Iannello
Creative Arts	Remy Savell-McKean
Ecology	Ella Horneman
Liturgy	Kyarah Bouchahine
Music	Madeleine Campbell
Social Justice	Audrey Kha
Sport	Sophie Kavanagh

FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

PAST PRESENT FUTURE

125 YEARS OF LORETO NORMANHURST

Moments in time'

AS WE CELEBRATED 125 YEARS OF SHARED HISTORY AT LORETO NORMANHURST IN 2022, WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT AND BE THANKFUL FOR THE TIMES SHARED AMONG THIS COMMUNITY.

OUR FOUNDATION

28 FEBRUARY 2022 MARKED THE DAY THAT THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID IN OUR ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING, 125 YEARS AGO.

In 1896, Mother Gonzaga Barry had been delighted when Mr Frank Coffee - a father of Loreto Randwick pupils - had shown her a vacant lot in 'South Hornsby'. The land cost £2500 (roughly equivalent to \$405,000), and a further £4000 was spent on the three-storey neo-Gothic building designed by architect J.F. Hennessy.

Months later, it was time for the Foundation Stone to be laid by Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney. The occasion on 28 February 1897 was attended by hundreds of families, dignitaries and interested locals. NSW Government Railways even hosted a special train from Milsons Point to transport those expecting to attend. After several months of building, four Sisters and 15 pupils were the first occupants of "Loretto Convent Hornsby". The three-storey building was unfinished but became the place for all study and meals; it also housed a little chapel and the sleeping quarters for the boarders and sisters.

In those early years, the School community witnessed some dramatic changes to the world around them. The suburb, and therefore the School, received a new name after local engineer Norman Selfe. Electricity slowly became available and the first automobiles belonging to the wealthy took to the city roads. The original Loreto School at Randwick was closed, and the remaining day students transferred to the newly established Loreto Kirribilli. The colonies formally federated to become a nation in 1901, and two monarchs - Queen Victoria and King Edward VII - shared reigns within the decade.

The girls at Loreto Normanhurst kept themselves busy exploring the bush, writing postcards to faraway friends, arranging music performances and fundraising for the Waitara Foundling Home. They enjoyed reading the Eucalyptus Blossoms magazines (published by Mother Gonzaga with news on other Loreto schools and her own letters), celebrating feast days and hosting special guests.

An exciting but surely challenging few years for Loreto Normanhurst in its infancy.

OUR PRESENT

TODAY, AT LORETO NORMANHURST, THERE ARE OVER 1100 STUDENTS AND 250 STAFF AND THAT IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

We enjoy magnificent new buildings and facilities, the newly expanded Primary School, and ever-growing Boarding School. Moreover, we champion forward-thinking pedagogy and practice, a focus and strategy which is sensitive to the needs and direction of the times in which we live, preparing students for the future they will create and live in.

The hallways, classrooms and staff rooms are filled with lively chatter and excitement. And so our Loreto Normanhurst story continues as, day by day, we live and work and grow in faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus, to the vision and spirit of Mary Ward and Teresa Ball, and to Mother Gonzaga Barry's desire that "her dear Loreto children would be like a string of goodly pearls. I will string my pearls on a triple cord, strong and sure", she said.

To mark our 125th anniversary, the bicentenary of Teresa Ball and 125 years of IBVM presence at Normanhurst, we celebrated these 'moments in time' through numerous community events throughout the year. ✝

125 YEARS 'Moments in Time'

*ON MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022,
WE CELEBRATED 125 YEARS SINCE
THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS
LAID AT LORETO NORMANHURST.*

As we marked our 125th anniversary, the bicentenary of Teresa Ball and 125 years of IBVM presence at Normanhurst, we celebrated the proud tradition and history that anchors, inspires and connects us. We also celebrated the times yet to come. In the spirit of the pioneering Loreto women and all those who have lived and learned at Loreto Normanhurst before us, we looked forward with vision and with faith to the next 125 years of learning and community at Loreto Normanhurst.

Our commemoration began with a Celebration of the Eucharist to mark the occasion. The Mass was followed by a lunch to launch a year of celebrations for our community.

To commemorate this special milestone, all guests were given a '125 Years of Loreto Normanhurst' commemorative pin and in honour of this event, the school was gifted with a cross, presented by Sister Wendy Hildebrand IBVM, Province Leader, Loreto Australia and South-East Asia.

At this event we also bid farewell to the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary from our school. For the last 125 years Loreto Normanhurst has been their home. Here they have listened, prayed, and worked and we thanked the Sisters for their presence and their service to education in our school.

In celebration of the Bicentenary Jubilee of Teresa Ball IBVM, Loreto schools in Australia joined together in support of the IBVM's worldwide ecology project. The project was designed to honour Teresa Ball's visionary and foundational work. Loreto Normanhurst pledged to plant more than 200 trees locally and regionally where our network of families and alumnae extend. As part of this project, all our Primary students were given their own plant to put in their gardens, and we encouraged our alumnae community to plant 50 trees in support. To launch the project a flowering gum was planted in the Teresa Ball Primary School, and this ceremony was incorporated into our 125 Year Celebration Mass.

As it blooms, the flowering gum tree will pay homage to the visionary spirit of Teresa Ball, Mother Gonzaga Barry, Mary Ward, and the pioneering Loreto women whose legacy we inherit in our mission to educate young women of grit, conscious faith, voice, creativity, independent thinking and service. As its roots branch out, our tree will connect us with our Loreto family in Australia and beyond. As it grows, our tree will serve as a reminder of our school's commitment to ecological sustainability for generations to come. We are looking to the future and building our foundations as a sustainable school.

We would like to thank all those who were involved in the day, the Very Reverend Dr David Ranson and Fr Ramesh Richards who celebrated the Mass, the staff and students who went above and beyond to organise the event as well as those who provided such beautiful music on the day. ✚





SECTION ONE:

OUR PAST

WITH AN AWARD-WINNING MODEL OF EDUCATION AT ITS CORE, LORETO NORMANHURST'S 125-YEAR LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE IN GIRLS' EDUCATION IS WELL ESTABLISHED.

IT IS A LEGACY BUILT FROM THE VISION OF LORETO FOUNDRRESS MARY WARD, WHO 400 YEARS AGO WAS A DANGEROUS INNOVATOR WHO SHARED THE VIEW THAT – "WOMEN IN TIME TO COME WILL DO MUCH".

Enjoy reading stories from the past and significant reunions, as well as the celebratory events held at Loreto Normanhurst to mark this important milestone.

PAST SCHOOL CAPTAINS

REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT LORETO

Jacqueline Benson (nee Carson, Class of 1985)

To coin a popular phrase "the gift that keeps on giving", is how I have come to regard my education at Loreto Normanhurst from 1978-1985. I do not think it is possible to completely appreciate the gift of a Loreto education until you are reaping the benefits in life beyond the school gates! My heartfelt gratitude goes to my parents, the dedicated IBVM Sisters and Lay Staff who taught me. My appreciation for them has only deepened over the decades. As a student I loved Normo with a passion! I threw myself into every aspect of school life and thrived there alongside my five sisters.

I was very fortunate to be elected School Captain for my final year in 1985. This was a momentous year as it marked the 400th Anniversary of the birth of Mary Ward. An historic coming together of Loreto Normanhurst and Loreto Kirribilli took place at Saint Mary's Cathedral for a wonderful celebration Mass. I look back on that day with great pride as I represented my school with confidence and a deep sense of respect for the occasion.

Loreto gave me so many gifts as a student and leader. My faith formation

and the core Loreto values have given me the ability to practice discernment throughout my life. That real sense of community and friendship that I experienced at Loreto has shaped my desire to create the same when and wherever possible in my own family, community and work life. The friendships that I formed at Loreto I hold most dear. I have been blessed by these women in my life!

Loreto Normanhurst empowered and motivated me for eight years as a young woman to use my individual gifts and talents with confidence, humility and for the benefit of others. I took that with me and it has served me well in all aspects of my life. I will always be a proud Normo girl!

Kylie Symons (nee Newton, Class of 1990)

"Connection is why we're here: it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives"

This quote is by Brene Brown, a professor, lecturer and author. When I read this quote it immediately took me back to my days at Loreto. I was lucky enough to attend Loreto and I completed Year 12 in 1990. The years spent at Loreto were the

CLASS OF 1985



best and most influential in my life. The opportunities and the friendships that were made during those formative school years, have had a lifelong positive impact on my life, and my career path. Loreto provided not only an exceptional education, it allowed me to form connections with many girls, not only from my year group, but other year groups too. In this, I was provided opportunities to develop communication and interpersonal skills, as well as experience in decision making and problem solving, which have proved invaluable in later life.

The Boarding community opened up my eyes to life outside of the city. I was so fortunate to be friends with the boarders, and these connections gave me an opportunity to visit their farms, and to understand and appreciate what life is like living in regional NSW. Again, it is these connections that open up your perspective and allow you to appreciate that everyone has a story to tell as we all come from such diverse environments. When you attend Loreto, you become part of a very special and unique community, and you affectionately become known as a “Normo.”

Friendships and connections that I made at Loreto still exist in my life today, and I would be lost without my Loreto friends. They are all such a treasured part of my life and my story. Loreto fostered connection and friendships, and for that I am forever grateful.

I loved my time at Loreto so much, I began a career in teaching, and became a PDHPE teacher. Now, I'm lucky enough to teach, support and nurture students who face challenges with mental health, additional learning needs and other issues which prevent them from attending mainstream school. It was Loreto that gave me the understanding that everyone wants to be seen, heard, and validated. We all have a “back story.” I'm thankful for my time at Loreto, it set a foundation of connection and friendship. With a humble heart and an open mind, you can learn from any person, any place, anytime. I am forever grateful for my time at Loreto Normanhurst.



CLASS OF 1990

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CLASS OF 2005

**Fiona Plummer
(nee Singh, Class of 2005)**

My years at Loreto were fulfilling in many ways and I loved getting involved in a variety of aspects of Loreto life. In particular, being a school captain at Loreto Normanhurst in 2005 was a unique and enriching experience which I embraced with much energy and enthusiasm. I loved being school captain and turning my love for Loreto into tangible projects that benefitted the school. I enjoyed the opportunity to represent the student body, advocate for their needs, and work closely with teachers, and other leaders to improve the school and enhance the student experience.

My time at Loreto and specifically as school captain taught me many life skills such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and leadership. These skills have served me well both in my professional career as a lawyer and as a mother. In particular, school taught me the value of each individual's opinion and how to engage with a variety of people

from diverse contexts. In turn, this has allowed me to work in many cities across the world.

Leadership at Loreto gave me the confidence to pursue my goals and it helped me build a wonderful network of friends and peers who are successful in many fields and walks of life and who still help support my aspirations and whom I enjoy supporting also.

“Leadership at Loreto gave me the confidence to pursue my goals and it helped me build a wonderful network of friends.”

1920s



1930s



1940s



1950s



1980s



1990s



2000s



2000s



2010s



2020s



A STORY FROM SCHOOL

IMMERSION EXPERIENCES IN THE 1970s

FIFTY YEARS AGO LORETO NORMANHURST STUDENTS EXPERIENCED THEIR FIRST IMMERSION EXPERIENCE. THIS IS WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO DIFFERENT CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES AND THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, THEY GROW IN UNDERSTANDING OF SELF, OTHERS AND THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

Fifty years ago a group of girls in Year 9 to 11 set off on a bus trip in the August School Holidays of 1971. This was perhaps Loreto Normanhurst's first Outreach Experience!

Sister Deirdre Rofe was the Principal at the time. It was supposed to be a Geography excursion but as the date of the trip got closer, and the bus hadn't been filled, the excursion was thrown open to other girls to join in to make up the numbers.

We boarded the Forest Coach Lines "Coach" for an experience that took a little over three weeks. There were about 38 girls and we were only allowed one duffle bag and one sleeping bag to take with us. We had a Geography Teacher with us, Mrs Bramble, her husband, and Mrs Bramble's father-in-law. There was a Coach Driver, named Gerry, and two cooks.

The Coach towed a self-contained kitchen. The cooks prepared our meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner and we all took turns helping in the kitchen. It was the time of the old Army Disposals stores, and so we all had lovely woolly jumpers, big coats, gloves and beanies to keep us warm.

Our journey took us over the Blue Mountains to Coonabarabran, out to Lightning Ridge, Grawin opal fields, up through Goodooga, into Queensland to Cunnamulla, Charleville, Blackall, Barcaldine, Winton, Hughendon, Kynuna, Cloncurry, up to Normanton, and to the Gulf of Carpentaria at Karumba.

There were hours and hours of travelling between one town and the next, but thankfully the bus had a cassette player. It was the 70s, so some of us had taken our guitars, and there were sing-alongs to wile away the long hours on the bus.

We went opal fossicking at Grawin and slept in the grounds of the Winton swimming pool under the Banjo Paterson statue and visited the billabong made famous by his poem/song 'Waltzing Matilda'. Normanton and Croydon fascinated us with the old buildings, remoteness, and heat. Karumba was

just beautiful; an undeveloped, natural paradise with just a few prawn trawlers and the pub, and a beautiful aqua sea in front of us with many glorious sunsets!

We were based on the beach at the north end of Palm Cove from which we did day trips: Kuranda, Barron Falls and the Curtain Fig, and Mossman Gorge and Port Douglas before it became trendy!

The trip home took us down the coast, leaving Cairns behind, visiting the Babinda Rainforest, the Joss House, Tully and Cardwell then to Townsville. We transferred across to Magnetic Island for a couple of days staying in a youth hostel which had possums racing across the roof in the middle of the night!

We all took to the beach as the weather was sensational, the sea was so inviting, a shimmering jewel that tempted us to swim, and of course, we needed to have a tan to show off when we got back to school! Unfortunately the majority of the girls got severely sunburnt and some also had sunstroke and ended up in Townsville Hospital. While the girls were in



hospital we were set free to roam around Townsville and we managed to entertain ourselves shopping and sightseeing. Because of this, we were behind schedule and ended up staying the night in a local council hall on the side of the highway. The hall had a stage and so we decided to put on a talent show to take our minds off our sunburnt backs!

We came down the coast highway all the way home, which was a vast contrast to the outback trip up to the Gulf. We passed through Rockhampton, down through Brisbane and slept on the ground at the caravan park at Broken Head for the night. We fell in love with that wonderful beachy atmosphere in its then unspoilt beauty of the 70s. A lunchtime stop at the Big Banana and we headed back home. We had such an adventure and made so many friendships!

When travelling, we mostly slept on the ground next to the bus, with a big tarp attached if the weather looked unkind.

We also stayed at shearers' quarters on properties along the way. These stops were pre-arranged and the geography girls had sheets with questions for our hosts to answer.

We look back on this trip with amazement at things that could never be the same now. Times have changed so much! We never had a bad experience - just funny times, and sunsets and landscapes that took our breath away. Thanks must go to Sister Deirdre Rofe who trusted us and obviously thought it was a good experience for us - and it was - it was unforgettable! ✦

MRS KATE JACKSON

CLASS OF 1972



NOTE: Unfortunately we don't have photos from this trip, so please enjoy these school memories from the 1970s

FLASHBACK FRIDAY

We're lucky at Loreto Normanhurst to have a treasure trove of archival material at our fingertips. From photos of our earliest students to fun facts from generations past (did you know that the first Loreto Normanhurst student publication was called *Stuff and Nonsense?*), we were thrilled to share some of these gems with our community via social media throughout the year. Enjoy this sample of #FlashbackFriday posts!

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loretonh As we celebrate our 125th anniversary across this year, we will be sharing our favourite stories and images of Loreto Normanhurst across the decades. Keep an eye out for how you can share your own memories of life here at LN for a chance to be featured. This #flashbackfriday, we take you back to where it all began. The earliest years of our school certainly proved the pioneering spirit of the Loreto Sisters and the 15 original boarders. Our '1897' building was the place for all study and meals, as well as housing the chapel and sleeping quarters for the boarders and sisters. Normanhurst was known as 'Hornsby', there was no electricity, and water had to be brought by cart from Wahroonga. The girls kept busy exploring the bush, writing postcards, arranging music performances and fundraising for the local orphanage.

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loretonh The 1910s proved to be a turbulent decade, marked by the First World War, the Spanish Flu and losses in the School Community. Through the 'ups and downs', Loreto Normanhurst developed its character, practicing resilience and felicity. The era also saw the introduction of day-pupils, the Ex-Students Association, jubilarians and examinations (hooray!). As our School celebrates its 125th anniversary, we will be featuring stories and images across the decades. Share your LN story with us on the Normo Network for a chance to be featured.

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loretonh Leaving the war-time years and the Spanish Flu pandemic behind, Loreto Normanhurst took the 1920s in its stride. Early practices strengthened into traditions, the first School Captains and prefects were appointed, and the Boarding School rapidly expanded to accommodate rising enrolments. What was life like during your time at LN? As our School celebrates its 125th anniversary, we will be featuring stories and images across each decade.

IN loretonh



loretonh This Friday, we take a look at Loreto Normanhurst in the 1930s. Bookended by the Depression and a world war, our School community once again proved its determination and optimism. The IBVM Sisters and many families managed economic hardships, while our Normo boarders found joy in new pastimes such as horse-riding, golf and photography.

IN loretonh



loretonh This Friday, we are looking at Loreto Normanhurst in the 1940s. Read about life during the war, Jubilee Day and the earliest Loreto Day celebration on the Normo Network now.

IN loretonh



loretonh This Friday, we are reliving life at Loreto Normanhurst in the 1950s. This fabulous decade was all about the 'new' - new buildings, new people, and exciting world developments. And how could we forget a special occasion to see the Von Trapp family?

IN loretonh



loretonh This Friday, we are glancing back to Loreto Normanhurst in the 1960s - to its booming arts program, new lay staff and a proper home for the Junior School. Backed by incredible social change, historic milestones, fashion and music, this sensational decade is one so fondly remembered by our School community.

We invite you to follow us on social media to interact with this content and more. We welcome community submissions of photos, stories, memories or other donations to our Archives. Feel free to leave a comment on our social media, share a photo or piece of news on the Normo Network, or get in touch with our Archivist at archives@loretonh.nsw.edu.au.

REUNION



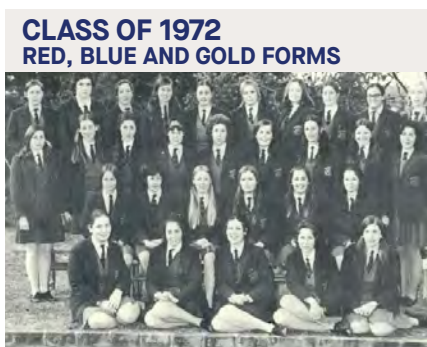
Congratulations to these year groups who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2022.



CLASS OF 1962



**CLASS OF 1972
RED, BLUE AND GOLD FORMS**



CLASS OF 1982



MILESTONES

CLASS OF 1992



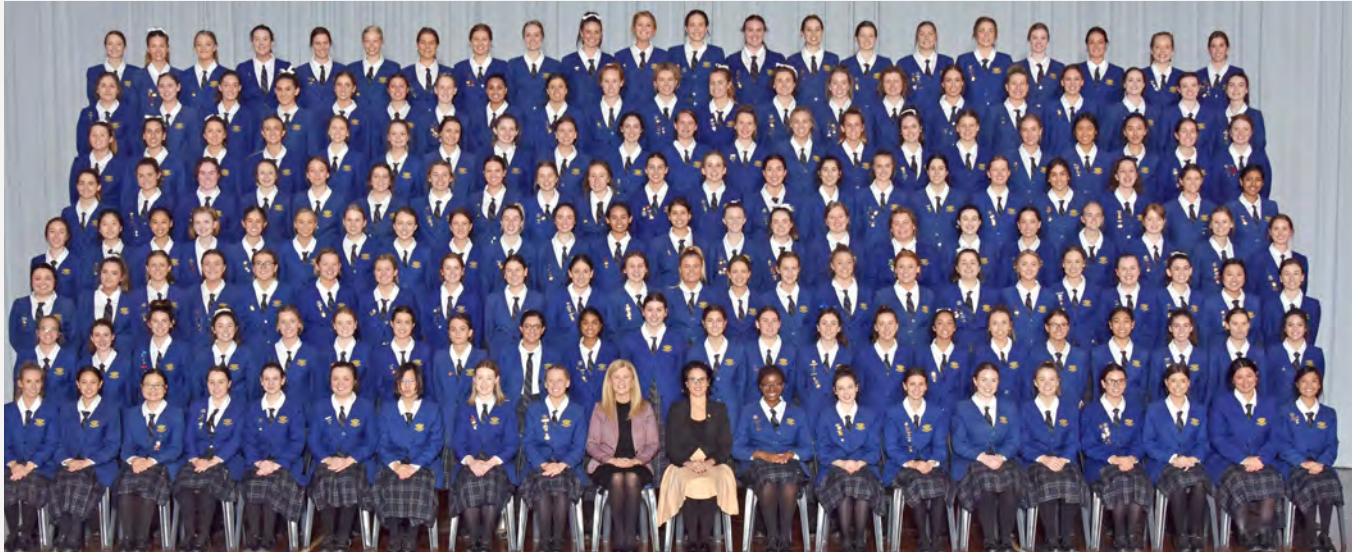
CLASS OF 2002



CLASS OF 2012



CLASS OF 2017



CLASS OF 2022



**DO YOU HAVE STORIES
FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS?**

**SHARE YOUR STORY ON
THE NORMO NETWORK**

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
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REUNION

CLASS OF 1967
55 YEAR REUNION



CLASS OF 1992
30 YEAR REUNION



SAVE THE DATE!
LORETO NORMANHURST
REUNION WEEKEND
23 SEPTEMBER 2023

EVENTS



CLASS OF 2002
20 YEAR REUNION



CLASS OF 2011
10 YEAR (+1) REUNION

Join us for a weekend of celebrations at Loreto Normanhurst where you can connect and reunite with ex-students from across the years.

For those year groups with milestone reunions this year, please plan your reunions for this weekend so you can join us for the celebrations at School.

More information will be available soon via the Normo Network at www.normonetwork.loretonh.nsw.edu.au

SECTION TWO: OUR PRESENT

2022 MARKED OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY, CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT LORETO NORMANHURST.

OUR AWARD-WINNING LORETO NORMANHURST STUDENT GROWTH MODEL EMPHASISES COLLABORATION, CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING, DIGITAL CAPABILITIES, ADAPTABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO BE AGILE AND RESILIENT THINKERS, BY OFFERING A BREADTH OF EXPERIENCES, PREPARES THEM TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE THEIR PLACE IN AN EVER-CHANGING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE.



ROWING CAMP

While many of our students were enjoying the summer holidays, our rowers were preparing for another busy year ahead, having fun together on and off the water.



RURAL PARTNERSHIP

Year 10 visited rural communities in Dunedoo, Coolah and Gulgong deepening their understanding of diversity in Australia.



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NAIDOC WEEK

Whole School celebrations included a series of special guests, Q+A sessions with Indigenous students and activities such as weaving sessions.



IMMERSIONS

Our students were involved in experiences across Australia, where they were exposed to First Nations cultures, deepening their awareness and personal spirituality.



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2022 SNAPSHOT



MUSIC FESTIVAL

A night our girls graced the stage of the ICC with incredible solo and group performances, displaying unity and school spirit as we celebrated 50 years of Music Festival.



GIRLS TAKE OVER PARLIAMENT

Students engaged in an initiative at Parliament House in Canberra, shadowing politicians in a bid to empower the next generation of female politicians.



BOARDING WEEK

Our Boarders engaged in National Boarding Week, celebrating the legacy of boarding at Loreto Normanhurst.



LORETO DAY

Year 11 led the School for Loreto Day, creating a community day in support of ACRATH to eliminate forced marriage in Australia.

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MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR.

Our first production in over 20 years, our 4 sold out shows of Matilda The Musical Junior celebrated the talent, collaboration, and hard work from students in Year 5-11.



SPRING FAIR

Returning after a three-year hiatus, the Spring Fair was a testament to the beautiful community we have, the talent of our students and the welcoming nature of our families.



SPRINT WEEK

Year 10 engaged with real world problems as pitched to them by a range of companies and social enterprises including Google and UNICEF.



CHRISTMAS

We enjoyed many celebrations to mark the end of the school year through House time, the inaugural Chapel Christmas Concert and our Story of Christmas Liturgy, featuring the students fun 12 Days of Christmas song.

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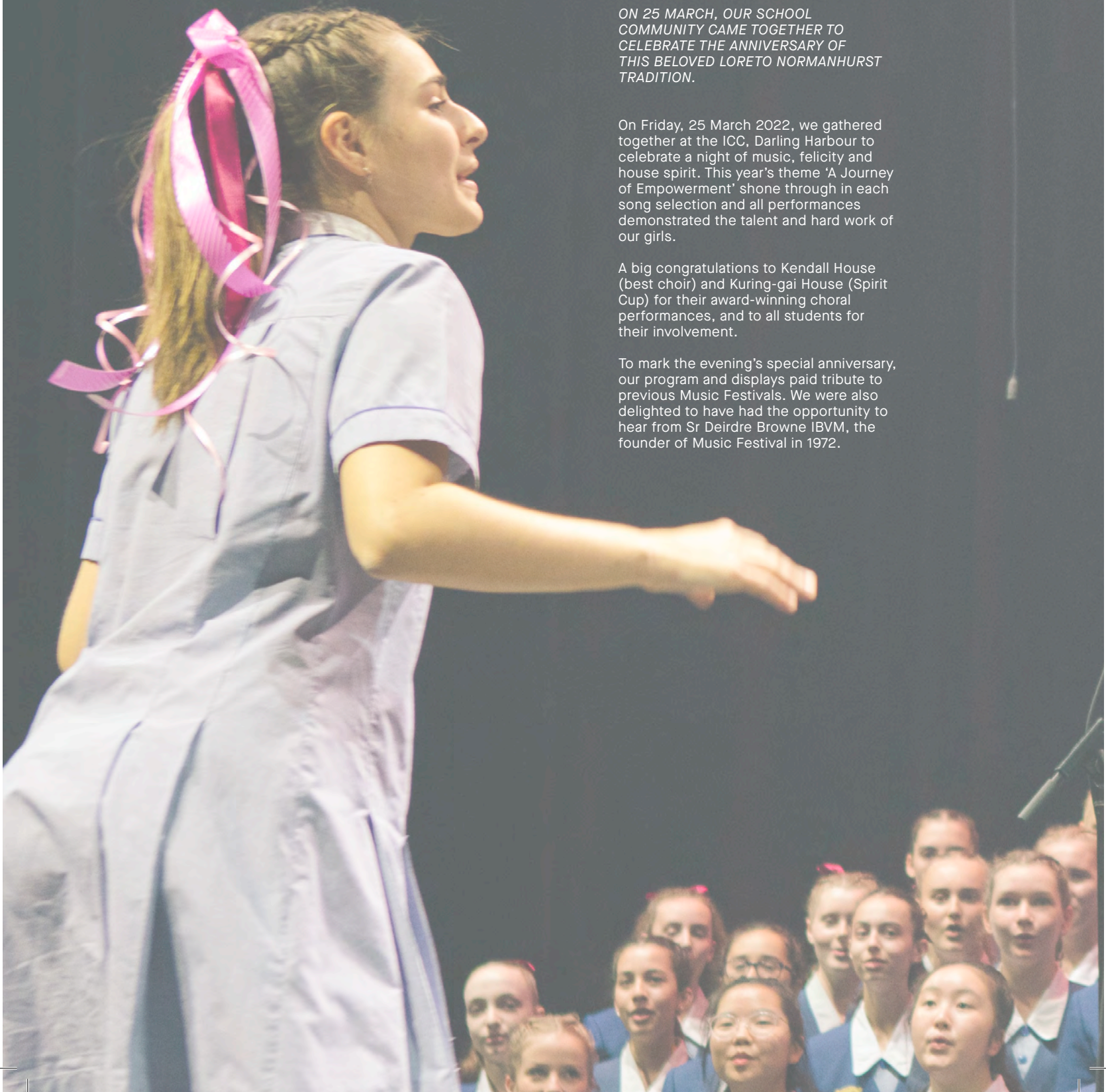
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*ON 25 MARCH, OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO
CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THIS BELOVED LORETO NORMANHURST
TRADITION.*

On Friday, 25 March 2022, we gathered together at the ICC, Darling Harbour to celebrate a night of music, felicity and house spirit. This year's theme 'A Journey of Empowerment' shone through in each song selection and all performances demonstrated the talent and hard work of our girls.

A big congratulations to Kendall House (best choir) and Kuring-gai House (Spirit Cup) for their award-winning choral performances, and to all students for their involvement.

To mark the evening's special anniversary, our program and displays paid tribute to previous Music Festivals. We were also delighted to have had the opportunity to hear from Sr Deirdre Browne IBVM, the founder of Music Festival in 1972.



50 YEARS OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

THE FIRST MUSIC FESTIVAL

An initiative created by Sr Deirdre Browne IBVM, the inaugural Music Festival held on 14 July 1972 was met with much excitement and enthusiasm. Quite different to our contemporary format, the first Music Festival was the 'grand finale' to several rounds of the competition. There were 14 different entry categories, including folk song and variety, piano and vocal acts, composition and creative ballet. House choirs performed both a spiritual and a set secular piece.

On the evening itself, audiences and performers packed into the School hall (the Deirdre Rofe Centre). It was the first time the four school houses competed outside of a sport setting; the occasion also resulted in the creation of house music leaders and roles for student conductors and accompanists.

Ward House won best choir and Barry received the Margaret Evans Music Trophy. Margaret Evans (Class of 1976) was generous enough to donate her prize-winning essay earnings towards the commission of a music trophy.

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Still with the same level of student involvement, creativity and heart, Music Festival has inevitably evolved over its 50-year history. With the increasing number of performers as well as concert-goers, Music Festival has 'toured' several venues, from the DRC to The Hills Centre, Sydney Town Hall, the Opera House, the State Sports Centre, and finally the International Convention Centre. The format of the evening has become less of a grand finale, but the culmination of months of rehearsals for the entire School.

Despite how things may have changed over the past 50 years, the core of this tradition has remained. One of the most anticipated dates of the school community's calendar, it is hard to imagine a Loreto Normanhurst without Music Festival. May we have many years of this wonderful occasion still ahead! ✝

MS RACHEL VAUGHAN

RECORDS MANAGER

THE TOP 3 MUSIC FESTIVAL SONGS

AS VOTED BY YOU

1. Somebody to Love - Queen (Mulhall, 1993, and Kuring-gai, 2019)
2. It's My Life - Bon Jovi (Maye, 2021)
3. Africa - Toto (Ward, 1995 & Ward, 2012)

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RETURNING TO NORMO

IN 2022 AS WE RETURNED TO ONSITE EVENTS, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BACK OUR ALUMNAE TO LORETO NORMANHURST.



Women of Influence

In honour of International Women's Day we held our annual Women of Influence Event on Tuesday 8 March 2022.

We had four inspiring alumnae, Marea O'Donnell ('95), Clementine Churchill ('07), Margarita Playoust-Colley ('87) and Penny Graham ('84) share their stories on their unique paths in life and work and the impact of their Loreto education.

Marea ('95) had a career in magazine publishing in Sydney and London. From there she completed a Master of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney and has been consulting in aged care since 2018. Marea stated "I was empowered to achieve many things and I was well set up to have diverse interests and find my path in the world". She spoke about the importance of continued learning throughout life.

Clementine ('07) is the global head of marketing at Me&U with experience in different corporate environments including Arnott's Group. Clementine spoke of freedom and how "freedom is the notion of being able to grow, learn, risk, explore, be and question". Loreto gave her the freedom to not follow the status quo, she states that

"Search out your passion and what you love, and be bold enough to follow that."

- Margarita Playoust-Colley, ('87).

"having the freedom to grow, learn, explore and take risks is actually where you learn to flourish".

Margarita ('87) completed extensive study in teaching, acting and dance all over the world from Indonesia to San Francisco. She completed a Master's in Applied Science, majoring in Cultural Action. Passion was a strong concept in Margarita's lecture, "search out your passion and what you love and be bold enough to follow that". Margarita discussed the importance to be you and follow your inspiration.

Penny ('84) has had an extensive career in global infrastructure and investment. She sits on the Boards of several profit and not-for-profit organisations and is currently working as the CEO of CareerSeekers New

Australian Internship Program. Learning and education was a key point that Penny discussed. She expressed that everything can be taken away from you, but you'll always have your education and the skills you have learned. "Your mindset, your confidence, your ability to be open to new things, your inquisitiveness, your sense of justice, they are the skills that will stay with you and get you through life".

We thank our four inspiring panellists for their authentic and motivating lectures. It was clear to see that these women honour their Loreto Normanhurst education by continuing to be lifelong learners and embracing diversity of perspective as they follow their passions. Their stories brought to life the graduate attributes we foster at Loreto Normanhurst- women of faith, service, voice, creativity, grit, and independent thinking.



Sportsmen's Lunch

In June our we held the Sportmen's Lunch - which is an opportunity for our dads to support and recognise their daughters achievements in sport. Moreover, the occasion acknowledges the friendships formed on the sidelines, courts, and pool decks!

We were lucky enough to welcome Grace Ridge ('09), Tatum Bird ('18) and Tori Pendergast ('08) who showcased Loreto women and sporting excellence. Grace Ridge spoke on behalf of the Loreto Normanhurst Bursary Program, acknowledging how her Loreto Normanhurst experience enriched her and allowed her to give back to her community.

Tatum Bird, NSW Waratah's Rookie of the Year, spoke about how a Loreto Normanhurst education fostered her love of sport, while Tori Pendergast, two-time Paralympic Skier, shared a resilience she learnt at school.

Thank you to all who joined us, and volunteered, to make this event in it's second year, such a success!



Author, Ashleigh Barton ('05) Primary School Visit

In July the Primary School was fortunate enough to be visited by vivacious children's author, Ashleigh Barton. Ashleigh has published several successful picture books for younger readers, exploring themes such as different names for grandparents around the world and celebrations and traditions in other countries. The Loreto community is especially proud that one of Ashleigh's books was nominated for a Children's Book Week Award in the Younger Readers category.

The focus of Ashleigh's visit was her newly published middle grade read "Solomon Macaroni and the Cousin Catastrophe". The book sees a much-explored literary character re-created using an approach that primary-aged readers will adore. Ashleigh had Year 5 and 6 students in fits of laughter as they heard all about Solomon Macaroni who loves tofu bolognaise and is the friendliest vampire you could ever imagine!



Artist, Lua Pelligrini ('19) Addresses the School at Assembly

We were pleased to have Lua Pellegrini join us for our NAIDOC Week assembly where she gave a beautiful address encouraging girls to pursue their goals regardless of setbacks.

Lua is the talented young Indigenous artist behind the 2022 Sydney Swans Marn Grook guernsey, titled *Duguwaybul Yindyamangidyal*. The guernsey was proudly worn by players during a recent Sir Doug Nicholls Round. At its core, the design represents connectedness and tells the story of the nineteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players who have represented the Sydney Swans team.

The Primary School were also thrilled to welcome Lua to celebrate NAIDOC Week at Loreto Normanhurst. Lua visited the Primary School to read the girls her Dreaming Story, 'The Quinnies', which she wrote and illustrated in collaboration with Dharug elders.

RETURNING TO NORMO

OUR ALUMNAE JOINED WITH US TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CURRENT STUDENTS, INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION.



HSC Showcase

On Friday, 26 August 2022 we held our HSC Showcase. The HSC Showcase is a celebration of Year 12 and the HSC projects they have worked tirelessly on throughout the year in the subject areas of Aboriginal Studies, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, English Extension 2, History Extension, Music, Science Extension, Textiles and Design, and Visual Arts. We had a wonderful turnout of current students and their families, future students and their families, as well as alumnae who joined to view the major works and congratulate Year 12.

The night was opened by Dr Catriona Quinn ('82), Academic & Design Historian at UNSW Sydney, where she teaches history and theory to undergraduate and postgraduate design students.

Catriona spoke about Loreto's history and how it empowers us to analyse the world. Our foundress, Mary Ward (1585-1645), faced the uncertainty of her society with courage and the fervent conviction that "women in time to come will do much" and Catriona outlined how this quote lives with Loreto women long after they have left school and is prevalent in everything they do.

Catriona's daughter, Clementine Rocks ('13) also took the stage. Clementine talked about her own study of Design and shared how creative thinking is being applied to solve the world's big problems.

We also heard from our Creative Arts Captain, Remy, who shared with us the importance of banding together as a year group and overcoming challenges. Year 12 can be a very scary and overwhelming time, but the dedication and support our girls show towards each other and their studies, with the continual support they receive from staff, is the kind of community spirit we foster at Loreto Normanhurst.

Ms Kierny Bateman, Director of Learning, thanked all those who contributed to the HSC Showcase event and especially our talented teachers who tirelessly inspire and guide our Year 12 students in the development of their HSC major works.

It was a wonderful evening of creativity and we congratulate the Class of 2022 on their commitment.

"The dedication and support our girls show towards each other and their studies, with the continual support they receive from staff, is the kind of community spirit we foster at Loreto Normanhurst."



HSC Assembly

We were delighted to welcome back Dr Katrina Damian ('89) to our HSC Assembly celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2021. Katrina addressed our school assembly about the lessons to be learned in both the ups and downs of life and lessons learnt along her chosen path.

Katrina spoke about overcoming setbacks and not being too scared of what people will think of you and to go for what you want.

"I am a doctor, working as a GP on the lower North Shore mainly in the areas of women's and children's health including mental health. But I haven't always been a doctor. I was a lawyer for many years working at a large law firm in the city and I had a very indirect route to medicine, which I only started when I was 31 and had a newborn baby. Almost 20 years and three more children later, I can honestly say that in large part it is my Loreto background that helped me navigate my unusual but rewarding journey.

And what I still treasure today is the gift that my Loreto education gave me. This is a gift I have come to value more and more as the years go by. It is the reason I knew, even before I had daughters, that I would send them to Loreto. That is the gift of the

belief that I, as a Loreto girl, with all my strengths but also all my imperfections, have something important to give back to the world and that with determination, perseverance and some hard work thrown in, I can achieve my dreams. I am hoping by sharing a little of my journey and some reflections you too can reflect on how you will use the gift of Loreto in the years ahead.

I'd like to share with you four words relating to failure that have become somewhat of a mantra in my life. These four words are so important to me that they are enlarged and stuck on my fridge door at home so that I see them every day. It might surprise you when you hear them. The four words are: "Failure is the greatest".

Girls, once you have been here, if you can continue to dream big, put yourself forward for things even if it seems scary, look possible failure in the eye and stare it down, and remember to be compassionate to yourself and others, then I am sure you can indeed go anywhere you dream." ✦

WANT TO COME BACK AND VISIT US AT NORMANHURST?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CAREERS EVENTS THROUGHOUT 2023.

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COMMUNITY

2022 PRINCIPAL'S COUNTRY ROAD TRIPS

THERE ARE MANY MEMORABLE EVENTS AND TRADITIONS THAT MARK THE LORETO CALENDAR, AND ONE OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS IN 2022 WAS VISITING THE REGIONS MANY OF OUR BOARDER FAMILIES CALL HOME.

In 2022, Ms Marina Ugonotti, Principal and Mrs Kate Kovacs, Director of Boarding, travelled across NSW to reconnect with Loreto families and friends and learn more about their communities. We relish these opportunities to get to know our country families better, catch up with alumnae, and meet new families considering a Loreto Normanhurst education for their daughters.

For over a century, girls from all over NSW and beyond have chosen Loreto Normanhurst as their home away from home. Boarders are a big part of our identity, and we recognise and appreciate the unique value they bring to our school.

Marina and Kate covered huge distances on their three-stage 2022 Principal's Road Trips. The first stage saw them travel north to Scone, Newcastle, and Port Macquarie. The second leg took them to the beautiful towns and cities of Canberra, Mudgee, and Orange, and, for the final stage, they visited Moree and Tamworth. In these locations, our community shared meals and stories, reflected on the school's rich history, and talked about all the exciting things yet to come.

The road trips were also a wonderful time to meet prospective new families and students, both in the towns visited and at the Boarding School Expos in Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Moree and Tamworth. These well-run events were a valuable experience, and we were delighted to attend in person after two years of disruption. Meeting potential future students and their families face to face meant questions could be answered to hopefully help make this life-changing decision that little bit easier.

We thank everyone who joined the Loreto Normanhurst events for a meal or a chat, and for so warmly welcoming Marina and Kate into their towns and, in some cases, their homes. Many families travelled quite some distance to see us, and we were truly humbled by the effort. We are endlessly proud of the strength and breadth of our Loreto community and so grateful for the opportunity to strengthen these ties even further.

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EVENTS



SPRING FAIR

WHAT AN AMAZING SHOWCASE OUR SPRING FAIR WAS!

In Term 4, after the wettest year and October on record, Mother Nature produced a stunning spring day for our Spring Fair and what a day it was!

The day was filled with rides, good food, retail therapy and more! It was a fabulous community celebration and a great opportunity to celebrate 125 years of Loreto Normanhurst in such a spectacular way; showcasing the talent of our students, the welcoming nature of our families and the rich history of our boarding community!

Thank you to the whole community for the wonderful energy and support and contributions in various ways to ensure the day was a success.

GENERATIONS MORNING TEA

ON FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2022, AS PART OF OUR 125 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, WE HOSTED OUR GENERATIONS MORNING TEA (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS OUR EX-STUDENT/CURRENT PARENT MORNING TEA).

Families with a connection to a Loreto school and a current Loreto Normanhurst student were invited to celebrate with us. This was a wonderful celebration honouring the generations that flow through our community.

The morning started with a student-led Communion Service in the Chapel followed by a morning tea. The event brought together our students and their relatives with Loreto connections and we had a fabulous turn out with over 60 alumnae and students attending. Amongst our many guests, we had the pleasure of having Barbara Harvey ('97), the 1997 school captain, and ESA President, Sam Wegner ('89) attend with their daughters.

We also had the privilege of welcoming three generations of the Carolan family; Amanda McMillan ('70), Amelia Carolan ('97) and Annabelle and Polly, who are current boarders here at Loreto Normanhurst. They shared stories from their time here, from their first night, to their favourite bed in the dorm! Amanda reminisced about her time in the boarding school and shared where the nuns would sit when taking the roll.

We were delighted to see how many different Loreto schools were represented in our community. Stories were shared from Loreto schools from all around the world, including schools across Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Dublin, and Mauritius. These narratives drew attention to us as Loreto people; what sets us apart but more importantly, what unifies us as such a strong community. It was a beautiful morning, with lots of reconnecting with old friends and celebrating the community we have here at Loreto Normanhurst.



From our Parent Association of Loreto (PAL)



KATH WALTON

PRESIDENT OF THE
PARENT ASSOCIATION
OF LORETO

“The Spring Fair was a testament to the talent of our daughters, the welcoming nature of our families and the rich history of our Boarding community.”

NOTHING BRINGS OUR LORETO NORMANHURST COMMUNITY TOGETHER QUITE LIKE A CELEBRATION AND OUR 125TH BIRTHDAY CERTAINLY SAW US GATHER FOR MANY A CELEBRATION!

It was my privilege to watch a joyous year unfold alongside PAL, continuing the work of previous committees in fostering our parent community.

Highlights from across our 2022 calendar included Open Day in March, which brought 120 parents together behind our PAL stalls to introduce prospective families to what makes Loreto Normanhurst special. Our community came together at the hugely successful Year 12 Mother Daughter Lunch, City Country Mothers' Lunch, Sportsmen's Lunch and the sold-out City/Country Mothers' Weekend Away in Tamworth. Thank you to the Year Rep parents who persevered through venue cancellations and number restrictions to organise excellent gatherings for each of our year groups.

The showstopper event was no doubt our long-awaited Spring Fair, bigger and better than ever and the perfect way to wrap up our 125th anniversary festivities. The day was a testament to the talent of our daughters, the welcoming nature of our families and the rich history of our Boarding community. It was made possible by more than 250 tireless parent volunteers, and stall coordinators who harnessed the wonderful energy of their year groups into the smooth running of their stalls. We're so grateful that the collective effort of our community led to an amazing \$75,000 being raised from the Spring Fair. A special mention to Zeena Skelly who led the Committee, and to the School's Facilities and Marketing teams who helped pull it all together.

No celebration is complete without good food and storytelling. Aptly named 'Our Open Table,' our cookbook was launched at the Spring Fair and showed off the 125 years of history that we have in common, as well as the unique memories and stories from our Loreto Normanhurst families. Congratulations to the team of parents who made this project a reality through collaboration and continuous effort.

My sincere gratitude to Ms Marina Ugonotti and the Community Engagement team for their ongoing support of PAL and the way they actively and passionately grow our community spirit. A special mention to Ms Lauren Kirkby, Community Relations and Events Manager, for being ever flexible, patient and a wonderful source of information.

I would also like to thank the PAL Executive Committee for their unwavering commitment and assistance throughout a bumper year of events and planning. I'm proud of all we have achieved.

On behalf of Loreto Normanhurst parents, I wish to express our appreciation for the staff of Loreto Normanhurst. The staff, as they do every year, went above and beyond in 2022 to support our daughters and offer them an array of incredible faith, learning and extra-curricular opportunities. We don't know how you do it, and we so value all you do for our girls.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the members of our Loreto Normanhurst community. Thank you for your enthusiasm, volunteered time, ideas, event attendance, donations and commitment, and the myriad other ways you contribute to our community.

We look forward to the rest of 2023 which I'm sure will feature plenty more celebration, hard work and togetherness.✦

THE LORETO NORMANHURST COOKBOOK

'Our Open Table'



OUR MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE PARENT ASSOCIATION OF LORETO FOR THE CREATION OF THE LORETO NORMANHURST COOKBOOK 'OUR OPEN TABLE' PRODUCED IN CELEBRATION OF 125 YEARS OF LORETO NORMANHURST.

This beautifully designed cookbook features more than 270 treasured family recipes from our Loreto Normanhurst community past and present. The cookbook shares a variety of recipes, from delicious breakfast dishes, easy weeknight dinners and country cooking to charming morning teas, celebratory feasts, and festive Christmas inspiration.

This carefully chosen title evokes thoughts of treasured moments enjoying togetherness and generosity. It also reflects Mary Ward's vision of an 'open circle' of friendship – a place of welcome and companionship. The sublimely photographed front cover invites you into this fabulous collection of recipes, stories, and special memories.

In addition to recipes, the cookbook highlights photographs, anecdotes and memories from the School's beginnings in 1897 to the present day. As a special feature, QR codes provide links to bonus stories, videos, and photographs.

TO ORDER YOUR COPY OF 'OUR OPEN TABLE' SCAN THE QR CODE HERE:



Easy Banana Pancakes

For ingredients see pancake recipe for adults and children listed by section for an easy school day breakfast. A family favourite at our home.

Prize Menu (Riley) (2008)

- 1 large egg, beaten, mixed
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix all ingredients together in a medium bowl with a fork. Heat a non-stick frying pan on medium heat and lightly grease with butter oil. Drop half a cup of batter into the pan and cook for about 2 minutes or until bubbles appear on the surface. Flip the pancake and cook for a further minute or until light brown and flip again with remaining batter. Serve with fresh berries, syrup and a hot drink or a simple syrup. **MAKES 2**

TIP: Can also be served with our home for something different.



- chopped onion
- minced garlic
- chopped onion
- oil, for sautéing
- diced vegetables
- minced white rice, day-old and cold
- 1 egg
- chopped green onions (optional)

Notes

Choose cooking wine or mirin - the secret ingredient never since soy sauce (dark, light or all purpose), sesame oil, pepper

Mix all the sauce ingredients together in a small bowl. Note: quantities of these vary with personal preference, but be sure to add them all!

Crust the rice with heat, then to sauté onion, garlic and butter in oil in large frying pan with lid on. Next, add diced vegetables. Stir in a little oil and pour in the sauce, but not the rice. Stir in the rice and cook for 5-10 minutes. Move everything to the side and sauté the egg in the wok or pan. It should be fully cooked but then it is a change in texture. Add to the rice and stir in the egg. Add green onions and serve all together. Enjoy!

TIP: There are two main points to remember. Firstly, when the sauce is right you can put everything into the dish to get going. Secondly, the rice needs to be cold, the other ingredients need to be warm, which means you are doing it right!



From our Ex-Students' Association



SAM WEGNER (WARD) '89

**PRESIDENT OF THE
EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PRESIDENT

Jane Parker (Anderson '84)

VICE PRESIDENT

Penny Graham ('84)

SECRETARY

Trish Watkins (Daley '83)

TREASURER

Carol Pleass (Benzano '96)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathleen Kelleher (Lodder '83)
Margie Stephen-Harmey ('83)
Sofia Cordina ('20)

RETIRING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Janneke Chudleigh (Pieterse '71)
Irene Fernandez ('04)
Rizpah Jarvis ('96)
Andrea McDowell ('12)
Penny Smith (Roberts '71)
Deb Stuart ('69).

*MY WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU
ALL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
WILLINGNESS TO OFFER YOUR
SKILLS AND ENTHUSIASM TO THE
WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.*

GREETINGS TO ALL ALUMNAE!

2022 was a year of returning to a new normal for all of us. The alumnae community continued to find new ways to connect digitally and rejoiced in our ability to see each other again, face to face.

Our thoughts go out to all the families and communities still confronting the effects of flooding and still experiencing difficult and dangerous weather conditions. Please join me in offering up a prayer for the safety and the prosperity of those communities.

More than 1300 alumnae have now joined the Normo Network! I hope that you have enjoyed reconnecting and reminiscing with some of the fabulous memories from the archives. If you are yet to register, I encourage you to do so to enjoy both the friendship and professional network available.

The Association's philanthropic activity in 2022 focussed on the provision of bursaries through the offer of matched funding in the Christmas Bursary Appeal. The Association offered matched funding on all donations up to \$50,000.

Fundraising continued throughout the year and many alumnae provided heartfelt and generous gifts towards the building of the new Boarding School, due for completion in 2025. On behalf of the alumnae community of Loreto Normanhurst, my sincere thanks to you for your gift to future generations of boarders at Loreto Normanhurst.

The Association provides some major academic and community service awards to students each year. The Prix D'Honneur Award and the Pat Taylor Award at each Year 12 graduation ceremony, as well as the Sr Veronica Reid IBVM award for Environmental Stewardship. The Prix D'Honneur Award was presented this year to School Captain Michelle Hoffman. Michelle demonstrated her deep love and commitment to Loreto Normanhurst. The Pat Taylor Award winner this year was Lara Iannello. It is awarded to a Year 12 student who is nominated by her peers as exemplifying the Loreto Spirit by involvement across multiple areas of the school community, is reliable and supportive in nature, and makes a consistent contribution behind the scenes. The Sr Veronica Reid IBVM award for Environmental Stewardship was awarded to Charlotte Hudson for her work on the Green

Team and her contribution to the many sustainability initiatives at the School. I extended the enthusiastic congratulations from the Association to Michelle, Lara and Charlotte and we anticipate hearing more from them all in the coming years.

A new event on the alumnae program in 2022 was a beautiful Alumnae Eucharist and Lunch in November. Fr Steve Astill SJ presided at the Mass and joined with us in an authentic, joyful Loreto liturgical experience. The music provided by the students was as always, sublime and we enjoyed a lovely lunch in the Reception Room.

My sincere thanks to Marina and the Community Engagement Team, particularly Sarah Ryan and Lauren Kirkby for their continuous support and for the range of wonderful events that they organise for alumnae. The warmth and generosity of your hospitality to alumnae is a very special gift to us all.

I have now completed my second term as President and thank the alumnae community for the opportunity and particularly to Committee members for their support, hard work and their enthusiasm. I am excited to advise that in addition to the existing program of alumnae events, there will be some exciting new opportunities in 2023.

Congratulations to Jane Parker (Anderson '84) who was elected as the new President of the Ex-Students' Association. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Jane for all her support as Vice President over the past two years. I offer my sincere gratitude to the Committee for their many years of work on behalf of the Association and for their continuing contributions to the alumnae community in the various events they organise and support.

Welcome to the new Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement, Ms Tara Cheesman, who will work closely with the Association to foster connection and engagement in the alumnae community.

Wishing you all a 2023 filled with peace and hope, togetherness and celebrations, and may the year bring us many opportunities to connect with each other and to share our Loreto spirit.✦

To join us on the Normo Network and connect with your community, scan here:



ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR STAFF HAVE DIVERSE TALENTS AND EXPERTISE ACROSS A RANGE OF DISCIPLINES. WE ARE THRILLED TO SUPPORT THE BELOW STAFF IN BUILDING THEIR PROFESSIONAL PROFILES BEYOND LORETO NORMANHURST.

Anna-lea Russo – Head of Drama

Anna-lea presented at the Drama NSW conference.

Madeleine Conn – Teacher of English

Maddy was featured in 'mETaphor', the English Teachers' Association Journal of NSW. She demonstrated the importance of female voices in literature, through her teaching of the modern classic 'The Dictionary of Lost Words'.

Rose Timmins – Assistant Head of English

This year Rose published her own picture book, 'The Extraordinary Ordinary Harry', following Young Harry the ordinary koala who desperately wants to be extraordinary.

Marco Scali – Head of History

Marco presented at HTANSW History Teacher's Conference and at AISNSW Conference.

Isabelle Asquith – Teacher of History

Isabelle presented at HTANSW History Teacher's Conference.

Mengya Gu – Teacher of Languages

Mengya has been selected as a writer for the new Chinese and Literature course by NESA.

Simone Bryant – Head of Science

Simone took part in the NESA standards research project.

Erinn McMahon – Head of Kuringai, Teacher of PDHPE

Erin completed a Graduate Certificate in Education (Highly Accomplished/Lead Educational Practice) at ACU.

IN OCTOBER 2022 WE HELD OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SERVICE EVENT WHICH RECOGNISES AND CELEBRATES SIGNIFICANT WORK ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR COLLEAGUES. THE FOLLOWING MILESTONE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES WERE RECOGNISED:

25 Years

Cathy Walbank – School Counsellor

20 Years

Gilad Abarbanel – Teacher of Mathematics
Sian Hann – Boarding Assistant
Ian Slater – Accountant
Lisa Miller – Teacher of PDHPE

15 Years

Livinia Coombes – Teacher of Science
Natalie Helm – Head of Kendall, Teacher of Science
Lucinda Langley – Teacher of Visual Arts
Kate Marden – Teacher of PDHPE
Patricia Taaffe – Head of Mulhall, Teacher of English
Richard Munro – Teacher of History

10 years

Selina Ellis – Accounts Officer
Elizabeth Green – Knowledge and Learning Strategist
Dominica Hodgetts – Teacher of Religious Education
Justin Madigan – Dean of Pastoral Care
Maira Munro -Teacher of Social Science
Divya Stanger – Head of Aston, Teacher of Social Science

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WE SUPPORT OUR STAFF TO ACHIEVE THEIR VERY BEST BY PROVIDING MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT.

Saint-Omer Graduate Program

In 2022 we introduced the inaugural Early Career Teachers Program focused on the development of professional knowledge, practice and engagement underpinned by the AITSL Graduate Standards. The overarching aim of our Saint-Omer Graduate Program is to develop skills and build capacity in new graduate teachers at Loreto Normanhurst during a pivotal and formative period. Our program not only enriches our new graduates on their teaching journey but creates a thriving network of emerging young educators for collaboration, support and inspiration. As early career teachers, the program creates time and space for them to learn, as they are accompanied on their journey by a professional guide who plays a pivotal role in the Program. Throughout the year, the participants are afforded the opportunity to receive the wisdom and shared learnings from experienced teachers and mentors with the aim of building their skills and providing insights into the educational vision of Mary Ward, Teresa Ball and Gonzaga Barry.

Rathfarnham Middle Leaders Program

In 2022, we also introduced the Rathfarnham Program for our staff in Middle Leadership Roles. This program recognises our commitment to career development at every stage and gathered together multidisciplinary leaders at the beginning of their management careers. Presented by the School's leadership team, and other industry leaders, topics included professional practices, managing teams and self-management. We look forward to the continuation of this program in 2023.

TeachMeets@LN

Inspired by other industry-leaders, TeachMeets@LN sessions are designed to bring together educators from different school contexts, with a range of experience and expertise. Through these gatherings we aim to share practices, innovations, and successes within teaching, and to inspire others to love teaching through sharing success stories and learning from others by asking questions.

We enjoyed our inaugural series in 2022, attracting educators from across a range of schools including presenters from Pymble Ladies' College, Knox Grammar and The King's School, who shared their learning on a range of topics including deep learning, coding and problem solving.

STAFF

AT LN

SECTION THREE: OUR FUTURE

AT LORETO NORMANHURST WE ARE COMMITTED TO REMAIN AT THE EDGE OF INNOVATION AND CREATE A UNIFIED, SUSTAINABLE AND ECOLOGICALLY CENTERED SCHOOL TO ENSURE WE CAN CONTINUE ON OUR MISSION TO SHAPE 'WOMEN FOR OUR TIMES.'

A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED BY GIRLS' EDUCATION, OUR PRINCIPAL, MS MARINA UGONOTTI, SHEDS LIGHT ON THE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GIRLS' EDUCATION AND HOW GIRLS' SCHOOLS SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS.

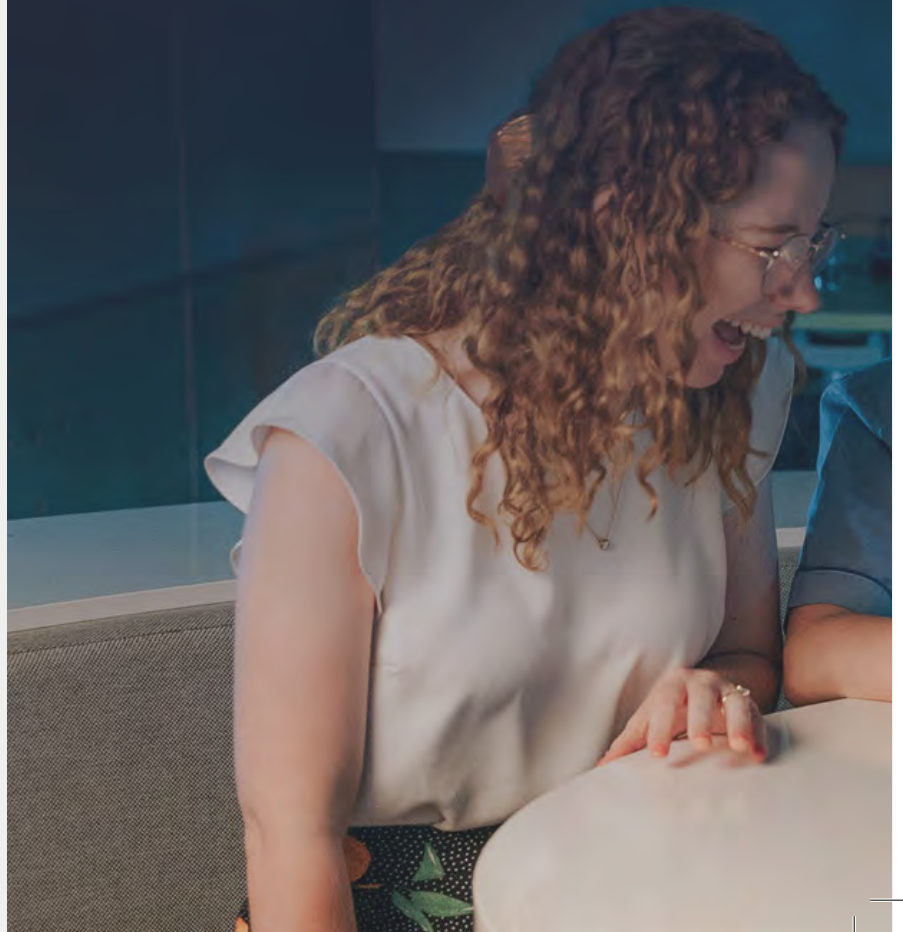
1. We are NOT princess factories.

Ms Ugonotti counters the frequented stereotype that girls' schools are merely princess factories, with an insight into the recognition and celebration of cultural diversity and student backgrounds within a combined day and boarding girl's school environment.

"At Loreto Normanhurst, we do not attempt to create cookie-cutter versions of other girls. Instead, we recognise, acknowledge, and celebrate the diversity that is drawn together through the sharing of each girl's unique gifts and values. This is what makes us interesting as individuals and brings us together as a community," said Ms Ugonotti.

It is this focus on fostering the positive development of girls who are unapologetically themselves that allows Loreto Normanhurst to instil the values of self-confidence and self-assurance to prepare well-rounded graduates who are ready to do great things in the world.

Ms Ugonotti continues, "we also focus on the wellbeing of students from a girl's perspective. This ensures our academic and pastoral care programs are tailored and delivered in a way that supports the growth of girls in and outside of the classroom."



SHAPING FUTURE LEADERS

2. We provide the tools and confidence for girls to take a seat at the table, even if it is not offered.

Building on the attributes nurtured within the girl's school environment, Ms Ugonotti acknowledges the impact this has, not only as students progress through their education but also, as they enter the post-school setting.

"Our girls develop a strength of gentle feminism, self-confidence, and active participation in the community. This allows them to bring perspectives of their diverse background into the discourse of the world around them and confidently take their seat at the table, even if it is not offered," said Ms Ugonotti.

With a proven, award-winning approach to learning, the Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model (LNSGM) emphasises collaboration, critical thinking, adaptability, and independence to nurture students who are agile and resilient thinkers, equipped to succeed as they enter the workforce.

Ms Ugonotti continues, "at Loreto Normanhurst we focus on the holistic growth of the whole person, encouraging each student to fulfil her academic and

personal potential in an atmosphere of freedom, care and respect for the individual.

It is this atmosphere which creates a safe space for our girls to take risks in their learning and to grow as individuals and as members of a community. It is what thereby empowers and motivates our students to use their individual gifts with confidence, creativity and generosity in loving and responsible service. We gently guide them as they grapple with change and challenge to find opportunities for growth, all within the safety of a single-sex environment."

3. We offer an opportunity for girls to participate in every role and leadership position.

"Girls' schools help to shape identity, self-worth, and confidence in adolescent years to encourage girls to pursue roles of leadership. In a single-sex environment, girls are not required to split leadership positions 50/50 with their male peers, providing greater access to leadership opportunities during this critical developmental phase," said Ms Ugonotti.

Loreto Normanhurst, like many girls' schools, benefits from the leadership of a highly capable, intelligent, and passionate

woman. It is this daily modelling of women in leadership positions that normalises this to a point where it is barely noticed by students, and without even realising, girls are set on the pathway to pursue every leadership opportunity.

Ms Ugonotti continues, "I am immensely proud of the opportunity afforded as principal of Loreto Normanhurst to model just one of many leadership roles young girls can aspire to achieve."

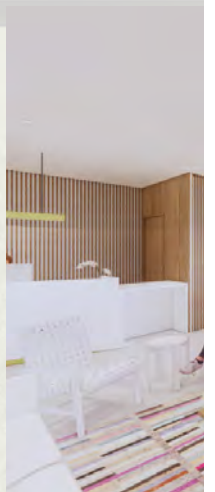
Ms Ugonotti became Principal of Loreto Normanhurst in 2019, having been an integral part of the school's leadership team since she first joined the Loreto Normanhurst community in 2015 in the role of Deputy Principal. Her passion for girls' education extends far beyond her time at Loreto Normanhurst, with a substantial career as a teacher and school leader at three Catholic independent schools for girls.

Since 2019, she has provided mentorship and guidance to the Loreto Normanhurst community, building on the school's proven, award-winning approach to learning, robust pastoral care program and diverse boarding community in reflection of the school's profound commitment to empower girls that are unapologetically themselves. ✦



By growing our dynamic community and developing flexible, progressive learning spaces, our Master Plan continues our mission to educate strong young women who are equipped to take their place in the world.

LORETO NORMANHURST HAS A MASTER PLAN TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMPUS OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS.



The Master Plan will unfold with the gradual redevelopment or replacement of current buildings to create an innovative, unified, sustainable and ecologically sensitive campus.

With the approval of our State Significant Development Application for the 30-year concept plan and Stage One development, the school made progress with preparatory building works in 2022.

This work included:

- Construction of two new Pick Up Drop Offs (PUDOs)
- Construction of two new tennis courts with underground staff parking
- Repurposing the Mary Ward Wing for Integrated Learning classes
- Demolition of the Agricultural Plot with rebuilding underway
- Demolition of the Loreto Community House
- Restoration work to the Heritage Gates

Now these works are completed, the school is preparing to begin our first major building project of our Master Plan: the construction of a new Boarding School.

Drawing on a 125-year history of boarding education, Loreto Normanhurst is proud to channel its rich boarding legacy into a new forward-thinking facility equipped

to meet the diverse needs of the contemporary boarding community. The vision for our new Boarding School is a lively home away from home containing a variety of spaces that set the stage for the rhythms of boarding life. It is testament to Loreto Normanhurst's commitment to remain at the edge of innovation and will see the school grow its community of boarders to over 200 students.

The new Boarding School will offer expanded facilities, such as dining and function spaces, cafeteria and teaching and learning spaces, which will open the new building up as a resource for the whole school community. This will strengthen the community connection and extend the hospitality intrinsic to the Loreto Boarding community.

The Loreto Normanhurst Boarding School is due to commence construction in 2023 and be completed to welcome boarding students to their new home in 2025. ✦

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON OUR MASTER PLAN
SCAN HERE:**



THE 30-YEAR MASTER PLAN

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



MS TARA CHEESMAN

DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"ALL AROUND YOU ARE POSSIBILITIES OF DOING GOOD AND MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR YOU HAVING LIVED IN IT."

MOTHER MARY GONZAGA BARRY
IBVM (1834-1915)

It's your heartfelt desire to serve others that makes you shine.

As I commence my new role as Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement at Loreto Normanhurst, I find myself reflecting on our collective ability to make a significant difference.

In 2022, the Loreto Normanhurst School community came together to support our students in need and to raise funds for the future of our School by attending events, making donations, filling gift hampers, buying raffle tickets, washing cars, donating prizes, selling cookbooks, and much more.

Thank you to each of our dedicated Loreto Normanhurst community members who chose to partner with the School throughout the year to provide the life-changing gift of a Loreto education through support of our Bursary Program and Indigenous Scholarship Program, and to those generous donors who have supported the many building projects, including the development of our new Boarding School. Your continued kindness and generosity have helped to realign the future for so many.

I look forward to meeting with you in 2023 as we partner together to create a thriving Loreto Normanhurst community united in furthering the School's mission.

LORETO NORMANHURST BUILDING FUND



\$982,567+ DONATED
from 296 households

The Loreto Normanhurst Building Trust has been established to enable the ongoing development of the School's facilities to support the holistic education of our students. Our 30-year



Master Plan sets the roadmap of the prioritised development and in 2022 we united as a community to raise funds to support multiple development priorities, including the development of a new Boarding School for Loreto Normanhurst.

We are grateful to the 296 households who chose to partner with us in 2022 by giving a generous gift to our Building Fund to support the future development of the School and to help expand the reach and sustainable impact of our Boarding School.

BURSARY PROGRAM



\$190,000+ DONATED
from 267 households

The Loreto Normanhurst Bursary Program has supported over 62 students in the last 23 years. Thanks to the generosity of our committed Loreto Normanhurst community, we have been able to provide the life-changing gift of a Loreto Normanhurst education to families in necessitous circumstances.

One of the key initiatives in 2022 was our Christmas Bursary Appeal which raised a total of \$113,513 for the Bursary Program. A special thanks goes to our Ex-Students' Association who supported this appeal with \$50,000 of matched giving.

In 2022, the fundraising efforts of the Year 12 Student Bursary Committee saw them unite the passion of the entire student body for this cause. They ran a student Bench Ball event, Car Wash and the highly popular Riverview vs Normanhurst Netball event, raising over



“We aim to build awareness for the Bursary Fund, generating conversations and genuine action to assist other young women, much like ourselves, in achieving a Loreto Normanhurst education.”

YEAR 12 BURSARY COMMITTEE 2022

\$1500 for the Bursary Program. We are most grateful to the 267 households who chose to partner with us to support the Loreto Normanhurst Bursary Program in 2022.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



\$67,777 DONATED from 33 households

This year saw the establishment of a dedicated Indigenous Scholarship Fund to support the future efforts of our Indigenous program.

Across the year there were fifteen direct beneficiaries from Indigenous scholarships, with total student representation from seventeen Aboriginal nations, communities, and mobs.

The Indigenous Scholarship fund will enable us to continue to service our mission of supporting Australian Indigenous communities through the provision of a life-changing Loreto Normanhurst education for young Aboriginal women. We are committed to supporting these students so that they will grow and, in time, make an active contribution to their communities and our School.

It is our aim to partner together as a caring school community to increase the annual intake of this program to 24 students. We are grateful to the 33 Loreto Normanhurst families who chose to partner with us by giving a life-changing gift to support this significant community program.



ALUMNAE YEAR GROUP CHALLENGE

We were delighted to see our beloved Alumnae community step up once again and take the challenge to raise much-needed funds to support our Philanthropic programs. Since 2021, ex-students have supported the School's Alumnae Year Group Challenge with the aim of raising \$1,000 or more per year group to help others.

The results for 2022 were exceptional with 28 dedicated groups being worthy of a special mention from a total of seventy-five year-groups registered.

NORMO NETWORK

The popularity of the Normo Network continues to rise with alumnae and former parents signing up to come together online.

The Normo Network online hub launched in 2021, providing thousands of members with shared news, event updates and business opportunities. Members can also access our online shop via the platform for nostalgic merchandise and special gifts.

If you haven't yet joined, we invite you to do so today via: www.normonetwork.loreto.nsw.edu.au.

THE 1897 SOCIETY

Loreto Normanhurst's 1897 Society was established to engage with those who wish to support the School by making an enduring legacy gift in their Will; a gift to girls' education is indeed a powerful one to bestow.

This Society made meaningful contributions to our community in 2022, which we are eagerly continuing in 2023. By becoming a member of the 1897 Society, we can acknowledge your profound commitment to future generations of Loreto women, and connect you with other likeminded supporters through special events. If you are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact our Philanthropy team via giving@loreto.nsw.edu.au. ✦



ALUMNAE YEAR GROUP CHALLENGE

Thank You Classes of:

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| ♥ 1948 | ♥ 1988 |
| ♥ 1949 | ♥ 1989 |
| ♥ 1960 | ♥ 1990 |
| ♥ 1970 | ♥ 1991 |
| ♥ 1972 | ♥ 1993 |
| ♥ 1973 | ♥ 1995 |
| ♥ 1975 | ♥ 1997 |
| ♥ 1976 | ♥ 1998 |
| ♥ 1979 | ♥ 2002 |
| ♥ 1980 | ♥ 2011 |
| ♥ 1982 | ♥ 2014 |
| ♥ 1984 | ♥ 2017 |
| ♥ 1986 | ♥ 2021 |
| ♥ 1987 | ♥ 2022 |

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 1970 for raising over \$15,315



MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEWEST CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES.

Ex-boarder **Amelia Waldren ('11)** who was married on Saturday, 12 February at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra (Pictured left).

Eloise Ward (Loneragan, '11) who married Paddy on Friday, 8 April in their garden in West Borambil, Condobolin, in a beautiful ceremony.

Gabrielle Sutherland ('12) and Henry Courts who were married in a beautiful ceremony on Saturday, 9 April at Spicers Creek Church on a family property (Pictured below).

Amy Woods ('07) and her husband, Philip Phung who were married on Saturday, 30 April. The wedding was held in Canberra at St Christophers Cathedral.

Vanessa Alam-McCaughey (Alam, '08) and her husband Cian, who were married in Loreto Normanhurst's beautiful Chapel on Sunday, 30 July (Pictured below).

Dana Tropea ('09) and her husband Sebastian Ferrier, who were married in Loreto Normanhurst's Chapel on Sunday, 4 December.



WITH THANKS

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Anne Cook ('57) would like to express her deep gratitude and appreciation to **Meg Crawford ('01)** and the staff at North Shore Private Hospital for their positive attitude, kindness, and professionalism during Anne's time in hospital. Your dedication to your patients is truly admirable.

BIRTHS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNAE AND THEIR PARTNERS UPON THE BIRTHS OF THEIR BABIES:

Congratulations to **Elyse Grassi (O'Sullivan '08)** and her husband Stuart Grassi on the birth of their son Luca Jeremiah Grassi. Born on 9 February 2022.

Congratulations to **Grace Ridge (Murray, '09)** and her husband who welcomed William Hugh Murray Ridge on 26 June 2022 (Pictured).



VALE

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Nicole Fay (Cahill, Kirribilli '74), Mia Gouge (Fay, Kirribilli '05) and Rachel Fay (Kirribilli '09), on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Henriette Cahill (Bladiniere, '46)**

Rod Broadhead and the Broadhead family, on the death of **Grace Broadhead**. Grace worked at Loreto Normanhurst as a teacher of Science from 1999 to 2006 and was much-loved.

Jennifer Monie (Bull '55), Angela McCormack (Bull '56), Catherine Hallman (Bull '69) and Margaret Rankin (Bull '71) on the death of their mother **Joan Bull (King, Kirribilli '32)**. Grandmother to Rebecca Kingston (Hallman, Kirribilli '91), Great Grandmother to Annabelle Kingston ('21), Olivia Kingston ('22) and Alice Kingston (Year 11).

The Brumley and Young families on the death of **Yvette Brumley (Young, '90)**.

Emma Simkin ('90) and the Simkin family on the passing of **Marie Simkin**, a former staff member and parent of Loreto Normanhurst.

The Treloar and Shaw families on the death of **Pamela Treloar (Shaw, '52)**.

Dr Leoni Degendardt (Principal of Loreto Normanhurst 1994-2008) and the Degenhardt family on the death of her husband **David Degenhardt**.

The Fornasier and Puchta family on the death of **Natalie Fornasier ('11)**.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth McMurtrie

WITH GRATITUDE AND SADNESS, WE FAREWELL KENNETH MCMURTRIE, A CHEERFUL GIVER AND TREASURED MEMBER OF OUR LORETO NORMANHURST COMMUNITY MUCH-LOVED BY ALL. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE MCMURTRIE FAMILY.

Kenneth McMurtrie came to Loreto Normanhurst as the Head of TAS in January 1995, then became the first Director of IT in June 1999 and eventually Deputy of Loreto Normanhurst in January 2008 before retiring in June 2015. He was the most generous, felicitous Loreto man and saw the world through rose-coloured glasses bringing humour to every meeting.

Ken was always up for a new challenge and when leading the TAS Faculty, decided he would enjoy teaching the food unit within Technology. Ken was known for the late submission of food orders for the practical classes. We would often laugh about the times Ken would be seen racing back into the school loaded with groceries for his class, having ducked out to the supermarket to shop for the lesson.

Ken attended all school events, often with his wife Pat as support. He was regularly Master of Ceremonies and spoke eloquently in this role. Ken could chat to anyone and work a room to make sure everyone felt included and welcome. At Music Festival – Ken wanted everyone to be involved so he instigated the first whole school dance-off. At the end of a very long day rehearsal, he would acknowledge the work of all staff and students by playing a surprise song and encouraging everyone in the room to get up and dance! That tradition continues to this day!

When Barbara Watkins was Principal and Ken Deputy Principal, in the amazing era when Barbie and Ken led Loreto Normanhurst, they were truly a dynamic duo and forged a wonderful partnership. In his role as Deputy Principal, Ken was keen to explore overseas opportunities for the students. He was integral in ensuring the San Francisco Exchange Program commenced for Year 10 students in 2009 and that Music, Drama and Visual Arts students were able to participate in European Performance Tours and the New York Immersion Programs.

Ken was well travelled and had a story for every occasion. He was well read, cared deeply for the Loreto values and the IBVM and always ensured that the school values were at the heart of all his work. His own daughters, Anna ('04) and Alice ('07) both attended Loreto Normanhurst.

Ken was always generous with his time. He listened to the concerns of the students, parents, and staff, and of course

the neighbours and he always made sure you walked out feeling heard. He was respectful as a leader and often took time in his day to check in with his staff, to provide encouragement and life advice that still resonates with staff today. Ken would often be heard saying, "it will be alright," "it will happen," or "the girls will make it work."

I have very fond memories of 'Mr McMurtrie' and the perpetual twinkle in his eye – his gentle humour, down-to-earth nature and kind leadership. He was certainly adored by us as students, and we certainly felt cared for by him. He delighted in making us laugh, and always made it known to us that the school was invested in providing us a multitude of opportunities to learn and be ourselves. The McMurtrie Maccas Run was a sought-after auction item every year at our Loreto Day raffle.

I remember Mr McMurtrie's parting words as he retired from the position of Deputy Principal, about how he always enjoyed shaking the hands of the nervous young men accompanying us to our Year 10 formals, and about how he was struck that they were always called 'Lachlan' or 'Josh'! He concluded by urging us to always take our place proudly at the proverbial table beside the Lachlans and Joshes, to speak our minds, to unashamedly be ourselves, and to be confident that our Loreto education stood us in good stead to forge our unique path.

Mr McMurtrie was a generous, cheerful Loreto man. I add these words and memories knowing well that many other members of our community have similar ones of their own.

Sophie Cullen ('15)

We will fondly remember Ken leading the students from the private train to Sydney Olympic Park for a Sports Carnival or Music Festival, walking with 900 girls following behind him with his tweed cap on.

**Kate Kovacs, Jenelle Minto,
Chris Woods, Bernadette O'Dwyer**



IN MEMORIAM

Ros Arnold

In the week before Christmas, family, friends, academics, and educators gathered for a memorial service at St Mark's Darling Point to celebrate Professor Ros Arnold's life and work. Ros and her sister, Cynthia, were past students of Mandeville and Ros served as Chair of the Loreto Education Board and the Loreto Normanhurst School Council.

In a simple, but fitting service, the readings focused on education with her grandchildren reading from a children's book. Dame Quentin Bryce spoke of Ros's

love for Loreto and her delight in being able to serve on Loreto Boards. Ros's love of literature, joy in poetry, a commitment to empathetic teaching and learning, a gift for friendship and a passionate engagement in education were central to her life.

Ros was a warm, compassionate, and committed human being and it was a privilege to celebrate her life with so many others.

SAVE THE DATE

OUR 2023 CALENDAR IS ALREADY SHAPING UP TO BE ONE FULL OF CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY. POP THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY AND WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

Open Day 2023 Saturday 4 March 2023

All members of our community are invited to attend our 2023 Open Day for a glimpse into life at Loreto Normanhurst. Register to attend on our website at www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au.

Women of Influence Wednesday, 8 March

Help us celebrate International Women's Day! Join us for an evening of inspiration as we share in the stories of Loreto Normanhurst Alumnae.

Music Festival Friday, 24 March

You are warmly invited to join our Loreto Normanhurst community for the 2023 Music Festival! A night to celebrate music, dance, felicity and house spirit.

The Witches Friday, 16 June - Wednesday, 21 June

Join us for our first junior production, showcasing the talents of our students as they engage in all aspects of the FACE curriculum.

Normanhurst/Kirribilli Morning Tea Wednesday, 28 July

Join community members from Loreto Normanhurst and Loreto Kirribilli as we reflect on what unites us as 'Loreto people' over morning tea.

Alumnae Reunion Weekend Saturday, 23 – Sunday, 24 September

All ex-students are invited to join us for a weekend of reconnecting and reminiscing from across the years for a reunion weekend. More information available soon at www.normonetwork.loretonh.nsw.edu.au.

End of Year Community Event Saturday, 28 October

Stay in touch for more information about our End of Year Community Event, where we will reflect and be grateful for the year that has passed.

Chapel Christmas Concert Friday, 1 December

Enjoy festive music in the Chapel from our Music students.

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LORETO WEBSITE

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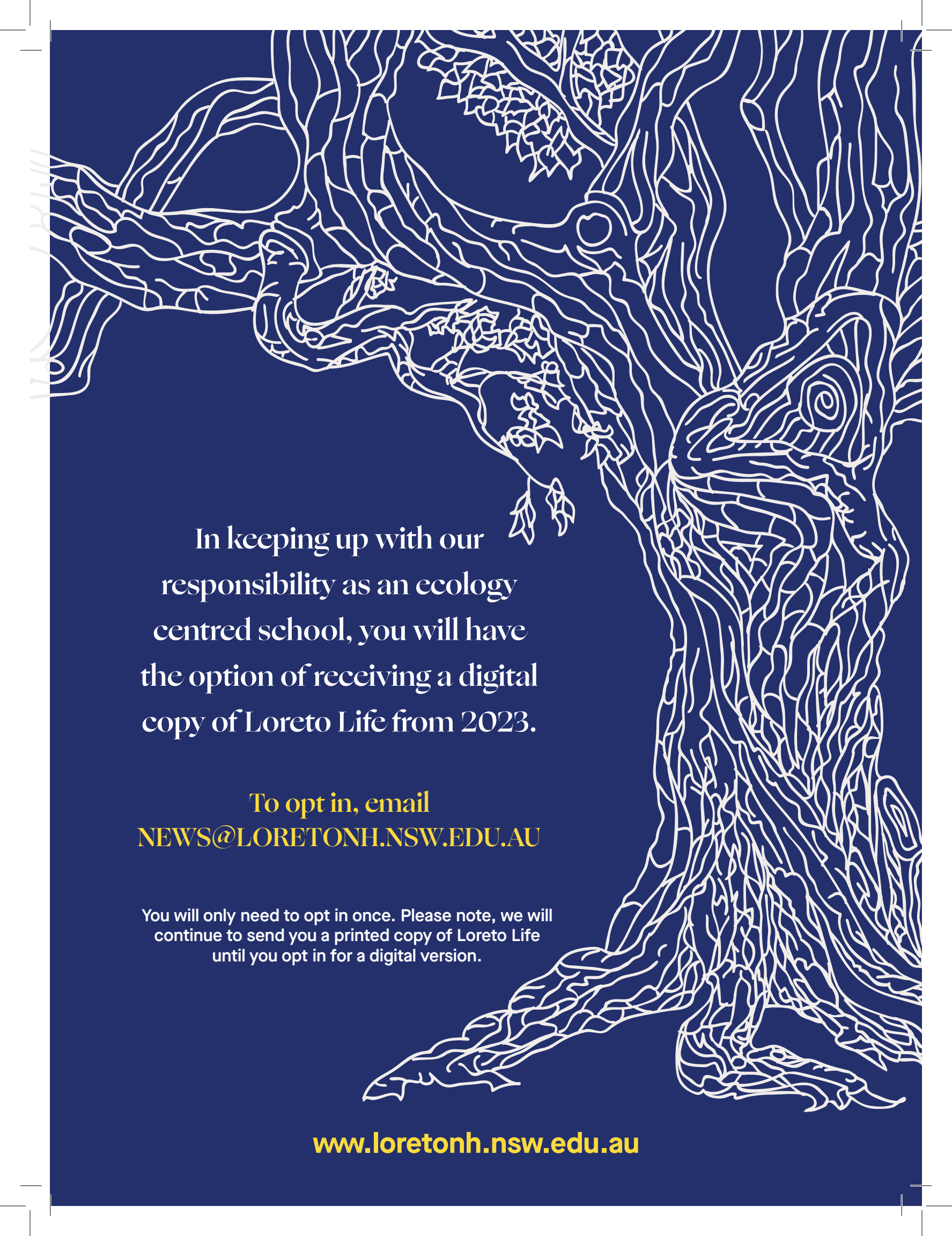
If you have any news you would like to share with the Loreto community, please email: news@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

We would love to hear from you. Please note that contributions are subject to consideration by the editorial team.

STAY IN CONTACT

Please ensure you update your contact details with us so we can keep in contact.

Please email: communityengagement@loretonh.nsw.edu.au to update your details.



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responsibility as an ecology
centred school, you will have
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**- MOTHER GONZAGA BARRY IBVM
(1853 - 1915)**