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In Sancta's 90th year it is fitting to pay tribute to the many alumni and friends who have contributed significantly to their profession, the community and the College over the years.

This list is by no means exhaustive, nor do we believe it is definitive. It is just the first step in recognising the many and varied people who have connections with Sancta and have made their mark on the world and/or the College.

We have relied on archival records and recommendations from many who have had long associations with the College. The list could be so much longer, such is the rich vein of achievement and contribution amongst Sancta's alumni and friends.

For the purposes of this listing, notable alumni are: former students, friends or associates of the College who have demonstrated noteworthy, remarkable, outstanding, important, or significant contribution to their chosen field of endeavour or profession, or service to their community, society or the College, at a national or international level.

Alumni have been recognised here for their outstanding efforts over a sustained period in one or more of the following:

- contribution to the College
- cultural contribution
- philanthropic endeavours
- social welfare and impact
- innovation and entrepreneurship
- professional achievement
- religious service
- academia
- sporting achievement
- international achievement

We congratulate each and every entrant on this list and are proud to be able to call them Sancta alumni.

For those who are not yet listed, we are confident that as we move closer to our centenary year, many more recommendations will certainly come to light. Please forward your suggestions to alumni@sancta.edu.au at anytime.

ADAMS, Natalie

FR 1984



Justice Natalie Adams was appointed to the Supreme Court of NSW on 5 April 2016. She grew up in Narrandera and practiced mainly in the criminal law field for over 27 years. She commenced

as a solicitor in 1989 and became a barrister in 2001. Natalie appeared in the High Court, Supreme Court and District Court in criminal and other public law matters. She was appointed as the Crown Advocate in 2011 and took silk in 2012. As Crown Advocate, she has represented the state of NSW in criminal proceedings of special significance.

ARNOLD, Mother Mary ('Mattie') rscj Vice-Principal 1931–1951

Mother Mary Arnold studied at London University, completing her BA on her return to Sydney. She later obtained her teaching diploma and then an MA by correspondence through the University of Melbourne. At the instigation of Sir Mark Sheldon, this was later duplicated by the University of Sydney *ad eundem gradum*. An entertaining and thorough teacher, 'Mattie' brought her skills to tutoring at Sancta Sophia College in English, Latin and French. A strong singer, she often took the choir and conducted activities such as the musicals or spoken plays. 'Mattie' was fondly remembered with great affection by those who knew her. She was close to the students, and kept herself aware of their various romances as well as their progress in their studies. Despite being cloistered, she managed during her twenty years as Vice Principal to astound the students with her up-to-date knowledge of plays and films playing in Sydney. Her considerable skills and experience were recognised when she was granted leave of absence for 1947 to assist with the establishment of Duchesne College in Brisbane. In 1951, the much-loved Vice Principal was transferred

to Melbourne. At the Council meeting of 1st March, the Chairman Monsignor Meany spoke appreciatively of her services as Vice Principal and the affectionate respect with which the students regarded her.

ARNOLD, Barbara Joan FR 1942

Dr Barbara Joan Arnold was a Sancta resident from 1942-1947 while she was studying medicine at the University of Sydney. Graduating MBBS in 1947, she did her junior residency at RPA Hospital, and her senior residency at the Rachel Forster Hospital. After a stint at the Red Cross Blood Service, Barbara commenced her training as pathologist / haematologist. She furthered her training in London, before returning to Australia in 1956. She worked in Sydney and Perth, and undertook study tours to the UK and USA as she developed her knowledge of current practices in clinical and geriatric haematology.

Barbara held numerous senior roles at the RNS Hospital, Concord Hospital and Sydney Hospital, while also tutoring in Pathology at the University of Sydney. She held Committee positions in the Section of Pathology (NSW – AMA Branch) and the NSW State Committee of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

Following her death in July 1995, her ashes were buried in the Sancta Sophia College Rose Garden, the first graduate to be so honoured.

BATEMAN (née McGirr), Beatrice FR 1936; Member of Council 1946–1960



Beatrice Bateman was born to prominent NSW Labor politician, Gregory McGirr, and was niece of James McGirr, Premier of New South Wales (1947–52). She was one of nine children and grew up on Sydney's

north shore. She attended Loreto Convent in Kirribilli.

Whilst at Sancta Sophia College, she became the Senior Student and met medical student Tom

Bateman who was resident at the neighbouring St John's College. They were married in January 1941.

Beatrice completed a Bachelor of Arts (1938), and captained the women's cricket team. She then commenced her studies in law but was barred from sitting her finals due to her pregnancy with her eldest child, Edmund, who was the first baby baptised in the Sancta Chapel.

Unable to sit her finals, she returned to the Faculty of Arts and completed a Master of Arts degree, and in 1942 graduated in law in a class of 32 men and three women. Beatrice is the first woman to hold both the MA & LLB and was the only woman in her group when she was admitted to the Bar in 1942.

Beatrice's practice at the Bar during the 1940s and 1950s was intermittent owing to her commitments to her seven children. She defended successfully a woman charged with murder, and was active in fundraising for numerous causes. She presented a paper on the value of women's education at a United Nations' conference in Paris.

Beatrice was the moving force in the formation of the Women Lawyers' Association in 1952 and is considered one of the pioneering women at the NSW Bar.

She was elected to Council to fill the vacancy caused by death of Mrs Florence Lane Mullins. Beatrice died unexpectedly of an asthma attack in 1960, at the age of 43.

BEANGE, Dr Helen

FR 1943; Sancta Alumni Award for Social Welfare and Impact 2013



Helen resided at Sancta Sophia College 1943 – 1948 and attended the University of Sydney where she studied medicine. She began her career as a GP and after having children returned to medicine

to work at the Grosvenor Diagnostic Assessment Centre. Helen has given a life of service to the

medical profession and to people with developmental disabilities in particular. She has treated patients, advocated on behalf of people without a voice, generously contributed to the education of generations of medical students and has played a vital role in the public policy debate on the ethics and the health of people with developmental disabilities.

BERMINGHAM, Dr Margaret

Member of Council 1973 – 2004; Honorary Fellow



A graduate of the National University of Ireland (MSc) and the University of London (PhD), Margaret Bermingham was a post-doctoral research fellow in the Biochemistry

Department of at the University of Sydney in 1968, and in 1969 became a lecturer in that department.

In 1971, she married Michael Maher, the Labor Member for Drummoyne, who later moved into Federal politics, holding the seat of Lowe from 1982-87.

Supporting Dr Bermingham's nomination to Council, Miss Mollie Cahill felt that her "first-hand knowledge of the problems and difficulties of present day students" would be of great benefit to the Council, and her election would strengthen the links between the College and the University. Margaret was elected to the Council of Sancta Sophia College in 1973, and retired from Council at the AGM on 25 November 2004.

BILSTON, Professor Lynne

FR 1986; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2014



After studying engineering at the University of Sydney, Lynne completed a masters and PhD in Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania, with the

support of a Fulbright scholarship. After returning to Australia, she was an academic at the University of Sydney, and in 2002 moved to a research position at the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, now called Neuroscience Research Australia. She undertakes biomechanics research aimed at understanding how the human body responds to mechanical loading, and has applied this knowledge across a broad range of areas ranging from preventing injuries to children in car crashes to developing new medical imaging techniques to detect the changes that injury and disease cause in the body.

BLACK, Lady Joyce
Honorary Fellow

Edith Joyce Black, née Ritchie, was married to Sir Hermann Black, Chancellor of University of Sydney. She was a University of Sydney graduate (BA, 1939) and a talented organist and musician who worked as a secretary and a schoolteacher. Affectionately described by her husband as the 'better half of the Chancellor of the University', she worked unstintingly on the university's behalf and with the Colleges. Lady Black was made an honorary fellow of the University in 1986 and a Fellow of Sancta.

BOYDELL, Mother Helen rscj
Vice Principal 1930 – 1931;
2nd Principal 1931 – 1943



Mother Helen Boydell was the great-granddaughter of Bishop Broughton, eminent first Anglican prelate in Australia and one who had caused much contention in the early

educational organisation in the Colony. Prior to her appointment as Vice Principal to Mother Margaret MacRory, the College's inaugural Principal, Mother Boydell had served for many years in Japan. It was during this service that her health was permanently damaged in the great 1922 earthquake, something which would eventually impact on her ability to fulfil her duties as Principal.

Acutely aware that she lacked academic qualifications – such achievements not being considered suitable for young women of her generation – she had been a most efficient bursar. Mother Boydell was also Superior of the RSCJ community, and is remembered as a quietly spoken, gentle woman.

BRENNAN, Sister Mary rscj
5th Principal 1972 – 1975



A graduate of the University of Sydney with First Class Honours in Latin, Sister Mary Brennan's appointment was endorsed at the Sancta Sophia College Council meeting of 1 June 1972. She had

been a resident of Sancta Sophia during her student days, and later in the United States she gained a Master's degree in Religious Education and an STM (Master of Sacred Theology) from Union Theological College. On her return to Sydney, she tutored at Sancta Sophia, while continuing to study Philosophy at the University of Sydney. Sister Brennan was Principal during period of considerable difficulty for, and change in, the College.

BURFITT, Dr Walter Fitzmaurice
Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 – 1947; First Chairman of Council 1930 – 1946



Walter Burfitt entered the University of Sydney from Riverview College, where he had been held in great esteem by the community and his fellow students. He

matriculated with first class honours in Mathematics and French, a level of excellence which didn't diminish during his university years. He graduated B.Sc. in 1897 and in 1899 completed his medical studies achieving 1st class honours and the University Medal. He was then

appointed Resident Medical Officer at RPA Hospital.

Dr Burfitt was a Fellow of St John's College from 1916 to 1927, and a Foundation Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Sylvester in 1928. He was also appointed Master of the Guild of St Luke, Chairman of the Almoners Association and President of the Medical Benevolent Association. He was appointed by Archbishop Kelly to the first Sancta Sophia College Council in 1930, and served as its Chairman from 1930 - 1946, resigning from Council in 1947. He died in 1956, aged 82.

BURFITT, Mrs Esmey

Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 - 1960



A foundation member of the Sancta Sophia College Council, appointed by the Archbishop of Sydney in 1930, Esmey Burfitt had been a staunch supporter of the movement to establish a Catholic Women's

College within the University of Sydney. She served on Council until her resignation in 1960, and died in November 1976.

BURFITT WILLIAMS, Dr Mary

Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 - 1953



Born in 1882, Mary Burfitt Williams was educated at St Mary's College, Rosebank, before studying at the University of Sydney, where she received a BA(1905); BSc (1908); MB (1909); and ChM (1910), gaining

Professor Haswell's prize for zoology and sharing the Renwick scholarship for general proficiency. Mary Burfitt was appointed resident medical officer at RPA Hospital and was the first woman

to become senior resident at the hospital. She also completed a residency at Crown Street Women's Hospital, before establishing a large general practice at Glebe, and serving as honorary physician at Lewisham Hospital where she established the pathology department and served as honorary pathologist.

Dr Mary Burfitt Williams (she married Grosvenor John Williams in 1921) was involved in the movement to establish a Catholic college for women within the University of Sydney, including serving on the Advisory Committee established in 1924 by Archbishop Kelly. She was appointed by the Archbishop to the first Council of the College, and remained an active member until her resignation in 1953. She died in 1956 and is buried at Waverley Cemetery.

BURNS, Jane AM

FR 1951

Jane Burns grew up in Crookwell NSW, and was a boarder at Rose Bay Convent before attending the University of Sydney in 1951. In a career as a senior arts administrator, writer, and curator and advisor spanning more than fifty years, she has been a passionate advocate for the Visual Arts and Crafts in Australia, and has represented Australia internationally. She was the Founding Director of the Crafts Council of Australia (now Craft Australia).

BYE (née MacMAHON), Dr Dora

Foundation student 1926; Member of Council 1938-91; Honorary Fellow



One of the Foundation Students of Sancta Sophia, Dora Bye (née MacMahon) was elected to Council in 1938 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Constance Le

Plastrier. She was the first elected member of Council, all previous members having been appointed by His Grace, the Archbishop of Sydney. She served on Council for 53 years, until her retirement in 1991. Widely regarded as the

“doyenne of the Sancta Sophia alumni”, Dr Bye took a great interest in the affairs of the College until her death in 1996, and her reminiscences shed light on the life of the College from the first intake of students in 1926.

CAHILL, Miss Mollie

Foundation student 1926; Member of Council 1957 – 1974



Miss Cahill had been invited by Mother MacRory in 1926 to take up residence at Sancta Sophia. She joined the Department of Education after graduation, and in 1956 became the Headmistress of

Hornsby Girls' High. She was a member of several policy committees for the Wyndham Scheme. She served as President of the Rose Bay Association and the Sancta Ex-students' Association. Elected to College Council in 1957, she also served as Secretary for 7 years, and represented College on the Committee for the Charles McDonald Lectureship. Miss Cahill resigned from Council in February 1974, and passed away later that year.

CAMPION, Rev Fr Edmund

Member of Council 1976 - 1983



Edmund Campion is a Sydney priest, writer, emeritus professor, historian and journalist. Born in Sydney in 1933 and educated at Riverview and the University of Sydney, he did theological studies at

the Catholic Institute of Sydney before completing an MA at the University of Cambridge. Following his ordination as a priest in 1961, Father Campion was appointed as a lecturer in History at the Catholic Institute of Sydney where he subsequently became a Professor. Following his retirement in 1998 he was appointed an Emeritus Professor. Father Campion has published many written works including scholarly historical studies such as *Lord*

Acton and the First Vatican Council (1975) and *John Henry Newman* (1980) as well as the more personal histories, *Rockchoppers: Growing Up Catholic in Australia* (1982), *Australian Catholics* (1987) and *A Place in the City* (1994) and *Australian Catholic Lives* (2014).

Father Campion dedicated his time to research and write the biography on Mother Yvonne Swift, *Swiftly* for the College. *Swiftly* was published in 2016 as part of the 90 Year Celebrations.

CARR (née JOHN), Anne Helena

FR 1966



Malaysian born Anne Helena John came to Sydney in 1965 to study at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta. Excelling in economics, she majored in that subject at the University of Sydney, during which time she resided at

Sancta Sophia College. In 1976, Helena joined Leigh Mardon, a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Amatil, first as market research officer and then as product manager. She left in 1981 to join Amatil before returning to Leigh Mardon as business development manager and then division manager, and then Managing Director.

In 1972, she met Bob Carr, an ABC radio journalist, on a vacation in Tahiti; they married the following year. Bob Carr became Federal President of Young Labor shortly after and later Premier of NSW 1995 - 2005. Whilst supporting her husband throughout his political career, Helena maintained her successful business career.

CASSIDY, Sheila

FR 1956



English-born, Sheila Cassidy grew up in Sydney, and attended the Our Lady of Mercy College in Parramatta. She began her medical studies at the University of Sydney and completed

them at Oxford University in 1963. She wanted to become a plastic surgeon but instead went to practise medicine in Chile during the government of Salvador Allende.

In 1975, Cassidy was caught up in the violence of the Pinochet regime. She gave medical care to Nelson Gutierrez, a political opponent of the new regime who was being sought by the police. As a result, she was herself arrested on 1 November 1975 by the Chilean secret police, the DINA, and kept in custody without trial. During the early part of her custody, she was severely tortured in the notorious Villa Grimaldi near Santiago, Chile, in order to force her to disclose information about her patient and her other contacts.

On her release from custody and return to the UK, Cassidy's description of her experiences, including her account of her torture and imprisonment, did much to bring to the attention of the UK public the widespread human rights abuses that were occurring at the time in Chile. Her story appeared in news media and in her book, *Audacity to Believe*.

After a period of recovery from the physical and psychological effects of her ordeal, Cassidy continued to practice as a doctor. In 1982 she became Medical Director of the new St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth, a position which she held for 15 years. She then went on to set up a palliative care service for the Plymouth hospitals.

CHAUNCY, Annabelle
FR 2004; Sancta Alumni Award for Philanthropic Endeavours 2014



Annabelle studied Arts/Law at University of Sydney from 2004 during which time she lived at Sancta Sophia.

Annabelle is the CEO and Founder of School for Life Foundation Limited (SFLF), a non-profit organisation

focused on making a transformational difference to the communities of emerging countries starting with Uganda through providing access to a quality education. In 2012, Annabelle was listed in the Australian Financial Review & Westpac's

Top 100 Women of Influence 2012 and voted Cosmopolitan Magazine's 2012 Role Model of the Year. Annabelle was a finalist in 2 categories of the NSW Telstra Businesswomen's Awards 2013 for Business Innovation and Young Businesswoman.

COLLINGRIDGE (née Sheridan), Mary
FR 1930; Member of Council 1950 – 1987; Honorary Fellow

The Sancta Sophia Association (sometimes referred to as "the Ex-Students' Association") was founded on 25 March 1947 at the instigation of Mary Collingridge who was appointed the inaugural President. The report of the Association's formation, and account of its subsequent activities, was warmly received by the College Council at its meeting of 4 September 1947.

Subsequently, Mrs Collingridge was elected to fill a vacancy on Council caused by the death of Dame Constance D'Arcy in 1950, and served on Council until 1987, when she submitted her resignation.

CONLON (née CARDEN), Anne
FR 1961



Patricia Anne Conlon was born in 1939 at Neutral Bay, Sydney, and educated at St Joseph's Convent School, Neutral Bay, Monte Sant' Angelo College, North Sydney and at the University of Sydney (BA, 1961;

MA, 1973). She was Senior Student at Sancta Sophia College. Renowned for her soprano voice, she competed in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod, and performed in choral and musical productions at school, College and University.

After graduation, Anne taught in public high schools. She spent 1964-65 on a postgraduate scholarship at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. At St John's College, Sydney, on 29 September 1967 she married Telford James Conlon, and the following year she became research assistant to John Manning Ward, Professor of History at the University of Sydney.

In 1973 she completed her master's thesis, *Eyewitness Accounts of Australia—1815-1850*.

A founding member (1972) of the Women's Electoral Lobby, Conlon stood unsuccessfully as the Australian Labor Party candidate for Mosman at a by-election for the Legislative Assembly in July 1972. She helped to produce submissions on conciliation and arbitration legislation to the Federal government on the disadvantaged position of single mothers to R. F. Henderson's commission of inquiry into poverty, and—with Edna Ryan—on the minimum wage for women to the 1974 national wage case. Awarded a grant by the Australian National Advisory Committee of International Women's Year 1975, Conlon and Ryan expanded their research into a book, *Gentle Invaders* which was notable for its pioneering work on the history of women and labour in Australia.

In February 1978, Conlon became special projects officer with the government's Women's Co-ordination Unit. She worked on the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977), on an amendment to the maternity-leave provision and on the welfare of women prisoners. Her achievements impressed the premier Neville Wran.

CROSSLEY, Cathleen

FR 1979; member of College Council 1993 - present; Chairman of Council 2016 - present; Sancta Alumni Award for Contribution to the College 2015



Cathleen attended Sancta Sophia College from 1979-84 and studied Science/Economics at the University of Sydney. She is a chartered accountant and is Principal at Pitcher Partners Sydney.

Whilst at College, she was the Senior representative and Assistant Treasurer. In 1993, Cathleen accepted a position on the College Council, which she continues to hold. Cathleen is Chair of the Finance Committee and offers outstanding dedication and attention to the role. She is unfailingly accurate and timely in her work and team commitment on the Council.

Cathleen is also a Director of Sancta Sophia Building Limited and played a significant role in the planning, financing and development of Graduate House which opened in 2014.

D'APICE, Sister Mary rscj *6th Principal 1975 – 1978*



A graduate of the University of Sydney, Mary d'Apice completed a medical degree before entering the Society of the Sacred Heart. Among her roles, she served as Dean of Students at Sancta

Sophia College in 1953. Taking up her appointment as Principal in 1976, she oversaw the celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the College. Sister d'Apice placed an emphasis on achieving academically, and had a desire to improve the liturgies in the College. She brought an excellence to the quality of College life.

D'ARCY, Dame Constance Elizabeth *Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930; Chairman of Council 1946 – 1950*



An obstetrician and gynaecologist, Constance D'Arcy matriculated at the University of Sydney in 1898 (M.B., Ch.M., 1904). She did her residency at the (Royal) Adelaide Hospital before

becoming resident medical officer at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, in 1905. She opened a practice in Macquarie Street in 1908 and was appointed honorary surgeon at the Royal Hospital for Women. Dame Constance supported improved standards in nursing and regular antenatal examination and investigated control of sepsis in hospitals.

Dame Constance served on Council from 1930 until her death on 25 April 1950, including

serving as Chairman of Council from 1946. In addition to her work on College Council, Dame Constance was also a member of the University of Sydney Senate from 1919 to 1949 and Deputy Chancellor of the University 1943 – 46, the first woman to be elected to both these roles. She was also actively involved with the University of Sydney Women's Union, the Catholic University Women Graduates' Association and the University of Sydney Women Graduates' Association. Constance D'Arcy was appointed Dame of the British Empire in 1935, and honoured by the Pope in 1940 with the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*.

DAVIS, Reverend Dr Harry
Member of Council 1969 – 1989;
Chairman of Council, 1970 – 1975;
Honorary Fellow

The Reverend Dr Harry Davis, President of St Patrick's College, Manly was elected to the Sancta Sophia College Council in 1969. He remained on Council for 20 years, five of which he served as Chairman.

DEVINE, Miranda
FR 1979



Miranda Devine is a columnist with *The Daily Telegraph* and *Herald Sun*. She previously wrote for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and before that she spent some years in the United States, where she

worked for the *Boston Herald* as a reporter and feature writer.

A devout Roman Catholic, she completed her high school education at Loreto Kirribilli, a Catholic girls' private school in Sydney. After school, she was enrolled briefly at the University of Sydney during which time she resided at Sancta Sophia College, before completing a mathematics degree at Macquarie University. She joined the CSIRO in their textile physics division, where she worked for four years. She then completed a one-year graduate program at the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University in Chicago.

DIESNER (née DIAMOND), Mrs Marian
FR 1951; Member of Council 1988 – 2004;
Chairman of Council 1991 – 1999



Marian Diesner's connection with Sancta Sophia College began as a student in 1951-53, when she was undertaking a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Sydney, majoring in

mathematics, physics and statistics. During her student years, Marian not only excelled academically, but also won nine intervarsity women's athletics titles, and played for the NSW 2nd XI hockey team. In 1952, Marian won a University sporting blue for athletics.

Professionally, Marian's career included a variety of roles, including technical roles with Bradmill Industries, statistics and research work with Lend Lease Investments, teaching roles with TAFE NSW, and administration and leadership roles at the Institute of Administration, UNSW and the University of Sydney Union. She also was a tutor in mathematics at Sancta in 1960, 1961 and 1963. A fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and also of the Institute of Directors, Marian was also a member of the NSW Council of Technical and Further Education, becoming Deputy Chairman in 1981.

DUNCAN, Professor Emma

FR 1986; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2015



Professor Duncan graduated from University of Sydney in 1992 with Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (Honours Class 1). Professor Duncan also holds a Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Endrocology) 2004

and a PdD, The Open University, in collaboration

with The Institute for Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford.

Professor Duncan is currently Eminent Physician, Consultant Endocrinologist and Senior Staff Specialist, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Queensland Diamantina Institute and University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Queensland.

Professor Duncan has developed cutting edge approaches to genetic research that have led her team to identify the causes of several bone diseases. Professor Duncan is considered a leader in bone health. Her research, teaching of doctors, promotion of bone health both nationally and internationally, and extensive involvement with organisations that raise awareness of the importance of bone health, including Osteoporosis Australia, makes her a leader in her professional field.

EGAN, Miss Kate OBE

Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930



Katherine Rose (Kate) Egan was widely regarded as one of the most outstanding women in Sydney Catholic life. In addition to the OBE granted to her by the King for her work during WWI, Miss Egan was also the

recipient of the Papal Medal Benemerenti in recognition of her support of Catholic movements. She was appointed second President of the Catholic Women's Association, forerunner of the Legion of Catholic Women in 1934, and first President of the Wartime Cusa organisation by Archbishop Kelly. She established auxiliaries to work for the deaf, hospital visitation and the blind. She also worked tirelessly for the Lewisham and St Vincent's Hospitals and the Waitara Foundling Home.

Miss Egan was associated with obtaining a charter for and establishment of Sancta Sophia College, and was a member of the College Council from 1930 until her death in 1951; while on Council she held the position of Honorary Secretary from 1930 to March 1946 and again in 1947. In 1952, a bequest of £500 from Miss Egan's estate was received to support the Annie Mary Toohey Scholarship (Annie Toohey was Miss Egan's sister).

FENWICK, Miss Aline OBE

*Member of Council 1973 – 1991;
Chairman of Council 1975 – 1991;
Honorary Fellow*

Aline Fenwick graduated in Law from the University of Adelaide in 1944, and undertook post-graduate studies in International Relations at the London School of Economics. From 1959-62 she was an officer in the Human Rights Division of the United Nations and Secretary of the Status of Women's Commission. Returning to Sydney, she became a partner in the Sydney law firm, Pike & Pike, which was renamed Pike, Pike & Fenwick.

Despite having little connection with the College, Aline Fenwick was elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Barbara Lane Mullins in 1973, and replaced Mollie Cahill as Honorary Secretary in 1974. Miss Fenwick's nomination was supported by Dr Dora Bye who felt that her international experience and diversity of interests would be of great benefit to the Council. Following Dr Harry Davis's retirement as Chairman of Council, Aline was elected as Chairman in February 1975, a position she held until 1991.

Among her other appointments, Aline was President of the Women Lawyers' Association in 1956 and 1957, and President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in 1969. She was also active in the National Trust (being honorary solicitor for 20 years) and was awarded the Trust's Silver Medallion for Voluntary Services in 1986. She was also active in the Girl Guides Association. She received an OBE in 1980 in recognition of service to the community.

FINK (née COLLINS), Averil MBE AM
FR 1943



Averil Collins was born in 1922, in Suva, Fiji, and attended Fort Street Girls High School after her family migrated to Australia in 1936. She attended University of Sydney and gained an arts degree. She was

the first female president of University of Sydney Labor Club and met an engineering student, Peter Thomas (Tom) Fink, a Jewish refugee from Germany, whom she married in 1947.

Averil worked initially for the Australasian Performing Rights Association as a researcher before becoming the executive director of the NSW Council for the Aging. During her tenure, the NSW Council for the Aging was instrumental in establishing the NSW Volunteers Bureau (now Volunteering NSW), the NSW Carers Association and the Retirement Villages Association. It also expanded Meals on Wheels state-wide and pioneered pre-retirement planning. She helped establish the NSW Carers Association (now Carers NSW), becoming president and later president of Carers Australia.

In 1973, Averil was appointed a lecturer in pre-retirement education for commonwealth departments, industry and the NSW Superannuation Board. She was appointed an MBE in 1979 and in 1990 was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

From 1963-65, Averil was President of the Sancta Sophia College Ex-Students' Association.

FLEMING (née LUSBY), Dr Gwen
FR 1934



Gwen Lusby was one of the first wave of women doctors to pass through University of Sydney and Sancta Sophia College, graduating with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of

Surgery in 1939, just in time to answer the call to service. Appointed to the rank of Captain, then promoted to Major Gwen Lusby at Concord Military Hospital, she was the first woman Major in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corp (RAAMC). Although her specialty was thoracic medicine, she was the Officer Commanding the Medical Company (OC) while her colleague, Margery Scott-Young, was charged with the surgical aspects.

In 1946 she married a brilliant young surgeon, Justin Fleming, who had served as part of the Flying Doctor Service, and went with him to Oxford, when he was awarded a Nuffield Fellowship. With Gwen pregnant, and England subject to rations, war damage and Cold War politics, they returned to Sydney in 1950 to raise what would be a family of six children, five of whom were delivered by another of Gwen's fellow medical graduates and Sancta alumna, Dr Gwen Kennedy.

On January 21, 2011, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW, wrote to the Fleming family expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of NSW for the life of Dr Gwen Fleming, "an outstanding Australian woman who was an inspiration to so many who had the privilege of meeting her – both within the medical profession and beyond." Whether making bread sauce for Christmas or diagnosing a transitory ischemic attack, Gwen did everything well. Embracing so many dimensions, she lived for others and she gave her whole heart and mind to the country she loved.

GARDNER, Baroness Trixie
FR 1945; University of Sydney Alumni
Award for International Achievement
2010; Honorary Fellow



The Rt Hon Baroness Gardner of Parkes was born Trixie McGirr in Parkes, New South Wales, the daughter of Gregory McGirr, a former leader of the New South Wales Labor Party, and niece of James McGirr,

Premier of New South Wales (1947–52). She earned a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) in 1954 from the University of Sydney and studied in Paris at Cordon Bleu de Paris. She moved to the UK in 1957.

She was a councillor of Westminster City Council from 1968-1978, and was Lady Mayoress (when her husband was Lord Mayor) for 1987-88. In 1970, she stood for the Conservative Party against Barbara Castle (Labour) in Blackburn, and in 1974 stood against John Pardoe (Liberal) in North Cornwall. In 1971 she was made a Justice of the Peace.

On 19 June 1981 she was created a life peeress of the United Kingdom as Baroness Gardner of Parkes, of Southgate in Greater London, and of Parkes in the State of New South Wales and Commonwealth of Australia. She was ennobled for her two decades of community and local government work as a Conservative, the first Australian woman to be so honoured. On 4 April 2007 she was made an Honorary Fellow of the University of Sydney.

GLEESON, Jacqueline

FR 1984



Federal Court Justice Jacqueline Gleeson studied Arts and Law at the University of Sydney (BA 1987; LLB 1989; LLM 2005), and was first admitted to practice as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court

of NSW in 1989. She spent six years as a member of the Senior Executive Service in the Australian Public Service; as General Counsel of the Australian Broadcasting Authority; and then as solicitor with the Australian Government Solicitor. Justice Gleeson was admitted to the Bar in July 1991, and appointed Senior Counsel in October 2012.

Her principal areas of practice and experience are administrative law, professional standards, statutory tribunals, taxation and trade practices. Justice Gleeson has a particular interest in professional standards and she has appeared

for and advised bodies including the NSW Bar Association, the Law Society of NSW, the Tax Practitioners Board (and its predecessor, the Taxation Agents Board), the APRA and the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.

GORDON, Virginia

FR 1979



Virginia Gordon is a passionate advocate for artists and creators, their rights and their opportunities and is one of Australia's most effective copyright advocates. Her work has secured

tens of millions of dollars for the cultural sector in Australia, working with many of the country's leading arts organisations including the Australian Youth Orchestra, Australian Society of Authors, the Australian Writers' Guild, APRA, the Australia Council and Screenrights. Her pro-bono work with the Sydney Film Festival was recognised with an Honorary Life Membership.

HALL (née NATHAN), Mary

FR 1957

Born in England, Mary and her twin sister Venetia attended school at Loreto Normanhurst after their family moved to Sydney when they were about 10 years old. After completing school, the twins completed a secretarial course at Miss Hales before going to the University of Sydney in 1957. Both did an Arts degree, and resided at Sancta Sophia College. Mary had a special interest in the classics (ancient Greek, Latin and ancient history), and undertook postgraduate studies at Cambridge following her bachelor's degree.

Mary returned to Australia and she married Richard (Dick) Hall, who was Gough Whitlam's private secretary. They had three children. Mary continued with her art and her work was acclaimed. She won the Blake Prize for Religious Art in 1984.

Mary donated her mosaic 'Reflections of Genesis'

which now hangs in Sancta's Lower Common Room. Her Blake Prize winner, which is on loan from the Powerhouse Museum, hangs in the entry foyer at the College.

HAWKINS, Catherine

FR 1987

The First Assistant Secretary, Attorney-Generals Department, Catherine Hawkins is an Australian Government lawyer who has worked for the Australian Attorney-General's Department since 1993. Catherine leads the Criminal Justice Policies and Programmes Division in the Attorney-General's Department, which is responsible for anti-corruption policy, serious and organised crime policy, crime prevention grants, anti-money laundering, and delivery of legal capacity building assistance to partner countries in the Pacific, South-East Asia, and South Asia. This assistance strengthens legal frameworks and processes for domestic crime and policing, international crime cooperation including mutual assistance in criminal matters and extradition, as well as transnational crime including people smuggling, people trafficking, money-laundering and proceeds of crime. Catherine is currently on a Jawun secondment in Alice Springs at the NPY Women's Council working on Empowered Communities, which are national reforms about Indigenous people leading their own plans for change in a new partnership with Government.

HEESH, Josephine

FR 1974; Member of Council 1995 – 2015; Chairman of Council 2000 – 2008 and 2015; Sancta Alumni Award for Contribution to the College 2016



Josephine is the eldest of five children of John and Helen Heesh and grew up in Leura. She attended the local primary and high schools, with the exception of the first year of high school, when she went to Kincoppal, Elizabeth Bay, where her mother had attended. Through a

family friendship Josephine met Mother Yvonne Swift when she was in primary school and she heard about Sancta Sophia College.

Josephine was determined to attend University of Sydney, and was motivated by a strong desire to live at Sancta. She initially enrolled to study Arts, but switched to Arts Law after one year, and she thoroughly enjoyed her legal studies.

After graduation, Josephine joined Freehill Hollingdale & Page Solicitors, is now a partner in Carroll & O'Dea.

Sancta has been a significant part of her life. From being a full time student resident, 1974 – 1977, then resident Vice Principal, 1984-85 (a part time position whilst she worked full time at legal practice) and then member of College Council, 1995-2016 (Chair from 2000 to 2008 and 2015) working on the Finance Committee, Building Committee during her tenure on Council, as well as being member of the Sancta Ex students Committee from 1997-1999.

Josephine has also dedicated her time to other pro bono boards including 1990-94 Kincoppal–Rose Bay School Board; 1995-2000 Catholic Weekly Board.

Josephine has been, and remains, an outstanding supporter and contributor to the College.

HEPBURN, (Sister) Dr Elizabeth ivbm

11th Principal 2005 – 2007



Elizabeth Hepburn was born in Melbourne and educated at Methodist Ladies' College Kew. She completed her primary teacher's training at Burwood Teachers' College, BSc (hons) at Monash

University, MEd at the University of Melbourne and a PhD in Pharmacology at Monash University. In 1981 she joined the Loreto Sisters and taught in Loreto schools; teaching at Loreto Normanhurst and Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel primary school in Brisbane. She was appointed to a research position at Griffith University in Brisbane but within a year was

recalled to Melbourne to establish a Bioethics Centre at the Australian Catholic University. She became Dean of the University of Melbourne's St Mary's College and taught ethics and pharmacology to nursing students. Sr Elizabeth completed a BTheol at the United Faculty of Theology and MA in philosophy and bioethics at Georgetown University, Washington. In 1995 she was appointed Director of the Queensland Bioethics Centre, in 2005 Principal of Sancta Sophia College and in 2007 – 2014 Principal of the University of Melbourne's St Mary's College. She is a leading voice in bioethics and the author of various books and articles on psychology, pharmacology and bioethics, including *Life and Death: An Australian Guide to Catholic Bioethics*.

HINTZE, Sir Michael

Tutor 1979; University of Sydney Alumni Award for International Achievement 2009



Sir Michael is a British-Australian businessman, philanthropist and Conservative Party patron, based in the United Kingdom.

Raised in Sydney, he was educated at the local Christian

Brothers school. He then studied at the University of Sydney where he obtained a BSc in physics in 1975 and a BE in 1977, residing at St John's College. He also holds an MSc in Acoustics from the University of New South Wales, an MBA degree from Harvard Business School, and an Honorary Doctorate of Business from the University of New South Wales.

With his wife Dorothy, Sir Michael set up the Hintze Family Charitable Foundation, which has given significant and wide-ranging philanthropic support to around 150 causes, focusing mainly on health, education, religion and the arts. In recognition of their charitable contributions in support of the arts, Sir Michael and his wife Dorothy received the Prince of Wales Medal for Arts Philanthropy in 2009.

HORSLEY, Patricia

FR 1948; Member of Council 1964 – 2004; Honorary Fellow



Elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation of Dr Patricia Coyle, Patricia Horsley's election to the Sancta Sophia College Council was noted in minutes of 3 Sep 1964, and she was welcomed to her first

meeting on 3 June 1965, following her return from overseas.

An alumna of Rose Bay Convent School, Patricia graduated Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Sydney in 1954. Her sister, Mary, also studied architecture and was also a resident of Sancta Sophia College.

A major benefactor and great friend to the College for many years, Patricia has endowed a scholarship and provides generous financial support to the College.

HUME, Joan OAM

FR 1965; Sancta Alumni Award for Social Impact 2015



Joan attended Sancta Sophia College for one year, 1965. She has spent her adult life advocating for the rights of people with disabilities. She graduated from The University of Sydney with a BA DipED in

1969 and later a MA in English Literature in 1984. Following her graduation, Joan taught in schools for three years, before a car accident in 1971 left her a quadriplegic. After a year's hospitalisation, she returned to teaching, the first classroom teacher in NSW to use a wheelchair.

Joan became active in disability organisations in the late 1970s and in the burgeoning disability rights movement, connecting with other people with disabilities who were impatient for change,

not only in their local communities but at the state and federal levels. For over three decades she has played a prominent role in the birth and development of Australia's disability rights movement and has worked as a senior policy advisor on disability for the NSW Department of Health and as a teacher/consultant to students with physical disability in TAFE NSW. She is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity and full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

Joan received an OAM in 1982 for services to people with disabilities.

JOSEPH, Loretta

FR 1988; Sancta Alumni Award for Social Impact 2016



Loretta Joseph graduated from University of Sydney in 1990 with a Bachelor of Economics, and is a senior banking and financial professional, with a diverse background working

for major investment banks throughout Asia and India. An innovative thinker, Loretta was named the Female FinTech Leader of the Year in 2016.

While living in India she was deeply moved by the devastation caused by a rainstorm that displaced 6000 villagers in Ladakh. Loretta used her business acumen and industry connections, together with the support of His holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama – to establish the Lamdong Jammon School of Trust – initially an orphanage and now a boarding school. The school was opened by its Patron, His holiness, the Dalai Lama, in 2012, and now provides education and one hot meal a day for 300 children. Based in Sydney, Loretta continues to endorse the school, is in regular contact with the Board, and continues to engage Indian Corporates to help sustain and run the school.

KARSKENS, Grace

FR 1976



Grace Karskens teaches history in the School of Humanities and Languages at the University of New South Wales. Her research areas include Australian colonial history, urban history, cross-cultural history

and urban environmental history. Grace is interested in promoting historical understandings and awareness to wide audiences and is currently a Trustee of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales and of the Dictionary of Sydney. Her books include *Inside the Rocks: The Archaeology of a Neighbourhood* and the multi-award winning *The Rocks: Life in Early Sydney*. Her latest book, *The Colony: A History of Early Sydney*, won the 2010 Prime Minister's Literary Award for non-fiction. Grace was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 2010.

KELLY, Nanette

Member of Council 1977 – 2000, Honorary Fellow



Nan was nominated by Marion Deisner and Dr Dora Bye to fill a vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Mollie Cahill; Nan was welcomed to her first meeting 3 March 1977. A graduate of the Universities of

Melbourne and Sydney, Nan was actively involved in educational affairs for many years. She worked as a teacher and librarian in Melbourne, Sydney and the United Kingdom, and was a senior lecturer at Sydney Teachers' College at the time of her election to Council. An active contributor to Council, Nan took a particular interest in the College Treasures, the Library and the College Archives, and served as the liaison between the Council and student Archival Assistants to ensure the College's archival records were managed and preserved for the future.

She was honoured for her contribution to the College by being made a Fellow by the Council. Nan was recognised for her years of service to the St Joseph Parish Community (Edgecliff) and was presented with a papal blessing on 21 September 2014.

KELLY, Dr Sue

FR 1957; Member of Council 1993 – 2010, Honorary Fellow

Dr Sue Kelly MB BS, FFARCS graduated from the University of Sydney in 1963, and undertook post-graduate work in Anaesthesia in Sydney and London between 1965 and 1970. Among her many professional appointments, she was Honorary Anaesthetist at St George Hospital and Mater Misericordiae Hospital, and visiting anaesthetist at the Repatriation Hospital, Concord.

Sue resided at Sancta Sophia College from 1957 to 1962, and was a member of the student executive from 1959 to 1962. She was a member of the Ex-students' Association Committee for two years after her graduation, Treasurer of the Committee 1971-72, and President 1973-74.

Sue Kelly was welcomed to the Sancta Sophia College Council at its meeting of 20 May 1993. Sue is an outstanding benefactor and supporter of the College and is presently a member of the 'Treasures' Committee'.

KENNEDY (née GERRARD), Dr Gwen *Member of Council 1952 – 1992*

One of Sancta Sophia College's early graduates, Gwen Kennedy (née Gerrard) was a contemporary of Gwen Fleming (née Lusby); in fact she delivered five of Gwen and Justin Fleming's six children. Dr Kennedy was elected to fill a council vacancy caused by the death of Miss Kate Egan, one of the founding councillors. Dr Kennedy attended her first meeting in March 1952 and served with distinction for 40 years, resigning in 1992. She established a scholarship for medical students, which exists now due to the support of her daughter, Jennifer Laffan (FR 1960).

KENNEDY, Sr Marie rscj



Sr Marie Kennedy researched and wrote the history of the College, *Wisdom Built Herself a House*, in mid 1990s providing a lasting account of the founding of the College and the subsequent years.

KIRKPATRICK, Margaret Ferris



Margaret grew up in Mungindi, country NSW. She attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Rose Bay from the time she was eight until her final year when she was Head Girl. She was very fond of the nuns at Rose Bay and was a very

loyal alumna.

Margaret spent most of her life at Cleveland, the family property. She travelled widely and enriched her knowledge across many spheres: places she was visiting, opera and music, art, bridge, and cooking. She worked for many charities and was a very generous benefactor.

Margaret was close to Mother Yvonne Swift rscj resulting in Margaret's donation of the Tom Bass sculpture of "The Votive Figure of the Sacred Heart" which graces the entrance at Sancta. Until her death the name of the donor had not been known and we are only now able to acknowledge Margaret's extreme generosity.

KRAMER, Dame Leonie AC DBE *Honorary Fellow*

Recognised by the College for her role as Chancellor of the University of Sydney.

LANE MULLINS, Barbara
Member of Council 1961 – 1973



Barbara Lane Mullins was elected in 1961 to fill the vacancy on Council brought about by the death of Mrs Thomas (Beatrice) Bateman. One of four daughters of John Lane Mullins and his wife Jane Hughes, Barbara's involvement

continued a long family involvement with Sancta Sophia College. Her father had donated to the College a significant library of Australiana, and Barbara continued the custom of giving a gift of Australiana to the Library each year.

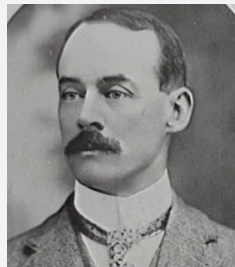
LANE MULLINS, Florence
Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College, 1930 – 1946



One of the original Councillors of Sancta Sophia College, Florence Lane Mullins was a great supporter of the College over many years. The Lane Mullins family had a strong connection with both Kincoppal

and Rose Bay schools, and Sancta Sophia College. On her death in 1946, Florence left the College a bequest of £50.

LANE MULLINS, John



John Lane Mullins, solicitor, politician, bibliophile and bookplate collector, was born in Sydney in 1857 to Irish-born parents James Mullins and his wife Eliza, née Lane.

A graduate of the University of Sydney, he was a member of the NSW Legislative Council 1917-1933, and closely

connected to a large number of charitable bodies throughout his lifetime. Closely involved in many of the activities of the Catholic Church in Australia, he was the founder of and solicitor for, the Catholic Press, and a trusted adviser and confidant of Cardinal Patrick Moran and Archbishop Michael Kelly. He was made a Papal Chamberlain in 1903 and a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great in 1920.

A great benefactor and supporter of Sancta Sophia College, John Lane Mullins was instrumental in bringing the Bill of Incorporation before Parliament in 1929 and was the donor of a significant library of Australiana, and a scholarship in honour of his late wife, Jane (née Hughes).

LAUNDERS, Rachel
*FR 1986; Member of Council 2005 – 2014;
Chairman of Council 2009 – December 2014*

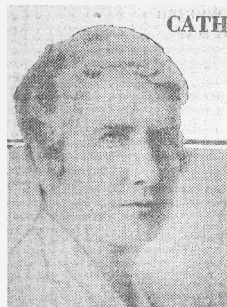


After graduating BA LLB (Hons) from the University of Sydney, Rachel Launders worked as a researcher in the Supreme Court of NSW for 18 months. Seeking some corporate law experience, she worked

at ASIC where she had the opportunity to work on a number of significant corporate transactions which were being implemented under the Corporations Act. She joined Gilbert + Tobin in 1998, where she remained for 16 years before joining the Nine Entertainment Network as General Counsel and Company Secretary.

Rachel was welcomed to her first meeting of the Sancta Sophia College Council on 10 March 2005. She remained on Council until 2014, including a period as Chairman during which a major expansion of the College took place with the completion of Graduate House in March 2014. Rachel is a major donor of the College through her support for the JT Clark scholarship.

LE PLASTRIER, Miss Constance M
Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College, 1930 – 1938



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Constance Le Plastrier grew up in the Melbourne suburbs of St Kilda and Hawthorn. She became a teacher and, influenced by the works of Cardinal Newman, was received into the Catholic Church in 1895, a decisive event in

her life. In 1900 she moved to Sydney, where she continued her teaching career, joining the staff of Redlands, one of the oldest schools on the North Shore as a teacher of English, Latin, and Botany. She wrote botany textbooks and also edited many Shakespearean plays for use in schools. She also lectured on nature study at the Sydney Kindergarten Training College, was secretary of the Teachers' Guild (non-State), and the first woman to be elected President of the Field Naturalists' Society.

Miss Le Plastrier's involvement with Sancta Sophia College pre-dates the foundation of the College; in 1919, she was invited by Archbishop Kelly to attend a meeting to discuss the formation of a university hall of residence for Catholic women students in Sydney. She was subsequently elected Vice President of a fundraising committee which included such people as Lady Blanche Sheldon and Miss Kate Egan.

Miss Le Plastrier was appointed to the first Council of Sancta Sophia College in 1930, and she served until her death in 1938.

LEECH, Dr Marie
12th Principal, 2008 – present



Dr Marie Leech began in her role as Principal, Sancta Sophia College in January 2008. She has a PhD in Social Policy from the University of Sydney and a Master's

of Science and Society from the University of New South Wales. Before coming to Sancta she was the General Manager, Community Services, at Mission Australia. Prior to her career in social policy and research, Dr Leech taught senior chemistry and biology at Kincoppal Rose Bay and was an educator at TAFE and university levels.

Her business achievements were recognised as a NSW Finalist in the 2005 Telstra Business Women's Awards. Amongst her various Board roles, Dr Leech is a member of the Executive of University Colleges Australia (UCA) and Chair of the Mental Wellbeing committee of Healthy Sydney University.

Her voluntary work has included the development of strategies to provide access to education for disadvantaged girls and women, especially Aboriginal women.

Dr Leech guided the expansion of the College through the opening of Graduate House in March 2014.

LEWIS, Lee
FR 1989; Sancta Alumni Award for Cultural Accomplishment 2014.



Lee Lewis is the Artistic Director of the Griffin Theatre Company and was named in Australian Financial Review / Westpac 100 Women of Influence in 2015.

She has directed plays for Melbourne Theatre Company, Bell Shakespeare, Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir and Griffin Theatre Company. Her recent work includes *The Bull the Moon and The Coronet of Stars* for Griffin, and *Highway of Lost Hearts* for Darwin Festival. She holds an MFA from Columbia University and an MFA from NIDA. Currency House published her book *Cross-Racial Casting: Changing the Face of Australian Theatre* as part of their Platform Paper series.

LYONS, Mrs Eileen M
*Member of the first Council of Sancta
Sophia College 1930 – 1964*



Mrs Eileen Lyons was a foundation member of the Sancta Sophia College Council, appointed by the Archbishop of Sydney in 1930. Together with her contemporaries Mrs Anne Spruson, Mrs Esme Burfitt and Dr

Mary Burfitt Williams, she had been staunch supporter of the movement to establish a Catholic college for women within the University of Sydney, and served on Council until her death in 1964.

MACRAE, Mother Juanita (Nita)
3rd Principal 1943 – 1957



A graduate of the University of Sydney in the days before the existence of Sancta Sophia College, Juanita (known as Nita) Macrae had led a full and interesting life before she entered the Society of the

Sacred Heart at the relatively late age of thirty eight.

Mother Macrae is remembered as a gentle, even retiring, woman, but also very shrewd and aware of exactly what was going on. Her style of administrative leadership reflected an unwillingness to be the centre of things herself. She did not shirk responsibility, but preferred to enable others to be and to do, recognising the gifts and abilities of others.

On 16 January 1958, the Council of Sancta Sophia College, together with the Heads of the other Colleges, met at Sancta Sophia to farewell Mother Macrae. That year, Sancta Sophia College and Women's College contested the inaugural Macrae – Archdale Cup, named after the two principals who had left the previous year, Mother Macrae of Sancta and Miss Betty Archdale of Women's College. With victory in the swimming,

table tennis, tennis and basketball Sancta won the Cup and the victory was celebrated with a Sports Cup Dinner.

MACRORY, Mother Margaret rscj
1st Principal 1930 – 1931



Born in Ireland in 1862, Margaret Mary MacRory was a strong willed child with a lively spirit. She was educated by the Sisters of Mercy, and from the age of 16, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Armagh.

Here she responded readily to the spirit and order of their educational philosophy, showing herself to be a leader and a fine student. She entered the Society of the Sacred Heart at Roehampton, where she was a contemporary of the famous Janet Erskine Stuart. After a stint teaching in France, she was sent to Sydney where she taught predominately at the Rose Bay boarding school. As Mistress General at Rose Bay, she was loved, respected and remembered as a truly motherly teacher and guardian.

At its first meeting in January 1930, the inaugural Council of Sancta Sophia College had no hesitation in choosing Mother Margaret MacRory as the College's first Principal. In all but name, she had guided Sancta Sophia as Principal since 1923, and no one had prayed and worked as hard as she to bring the College to independence.

MAGOFFIN, Miss Peg
Member of Council 1964 – 1971



Born in 1918, Peg Magoffin was schooled at St Patrick's Townsville, and Rose Bay Convent School. Qualifying in 1950 as a Chartered Accountant, she had a flair for finance, and in particular taxation. She was recognised as one of Australia's foremost

taxation authorities. One of few women Chartered Accountants of the time, she founded her own public accountancy practice – AM Magoffin & Co – in 1956. She served as President of the Australian Federation of Professional and Business Women from 1966-1970, and was on the National Labour Advisory Council's Committee on Women's Employment. She also appeared for the Business and Professional Women during the Equal Pay Case in 1969. While serving on Council for a relatively short period of time, Miss Magoffin contributed her extensive financial acumen to the College during a time of great financial difficulty, bringing a clear and penetrating mind to bear on the problems it faced.

MAGUIRE, The Hon Mr Justice Hugh *Member of Council 1957 – 1974*

Hugh Maguire was born in 1905 in Sydney, and was educated at Sydney High School and at the University of Sydney (LLB 1st Class Honours 1930). In 1924 Maguire joined the New South Wales public service as a junior clerk in the District Courts office of the Department of the Attorney General and Justice, later rising to clerk. He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 19 February 1931 but did not begin his practice until 1933, after he left the public service. He practised in all jurisdictions, especially Common Law. Maguire was a member of the Council of the New South Wales Bar Association from 1945/46 to 1946/47 and again in 1952/53. He was made a King's Counsel in 1951.

In September 1953 he was appointed a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He retired from the Supreme Court on 31 October 1973.

Justice Maguire was elected to fill the vacancy on the Sancta Sophia College Council created by the death of Sir Mark Sheldon. He served on Council from 1957 to 1974, lending his legal knowledge and acumen to many of the Council's deliberations.

MAIXNER, Wirginia

FR 1982; University of Sydney Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2011, Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2016



Wirginia Maixner is a neurosurgeon and the Director of Neurosurgery at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. She performed the first auditory

brainstem implant on a child in Australia in 2007 and in 2009 led a team of 16 medical staff that successfully separated the conjoined twins Trishna and Krishna.

Wirginia grew up on Sydney's northern beaches. Her father was a window dresser and her mother, a public servant. Inspired by her aunt who was Australia's first female flying doctor, she pursued a career in medicine and surgery. She attended Sancta Sophia College, and in 1986 graduated from the University of Sydney's School of Medicine with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery.

MCDONALD, Sir Charles

Member of Council 1951 – 1970;
Chairman of Council 1953 – 1970



Sir Charles served on Council from 1951 until his death in 1970, including as Chairman from 1953 to 1970. He was knighted in 1962 and appointed to the position of Chancellor of the University of

Sydney in December 1964. A distinguished physician, Sir Charles saw service with the 1st AIF during World War I, in the Australian Army Medical Corps, and with the 2nd AIF, attached to the 2nd/6th Australian General Hospital, during World War II. He was Mentioned in Despatches in June 1943.

Sir Charles loved the university and was deeply

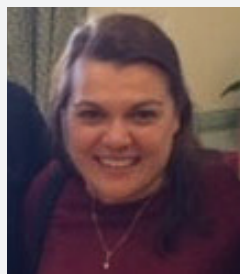
aware of its history. In 1942 he was elected to the Senate of the University of Sydney and appointed Deputy-Chancellor in 1953 - 54. He succeeded Sir Charles Blackburn as Chancellor in 1964.

With J. H. McClemens, he was a founder of the Newman Association of Catholic Graduates at the university.

Sancta's McDonald wing is named in his honour.

MCKAY, Dr Karen

FR 1981; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2014



Dr Karen McKay is a staff member of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and is also a member of The Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School at The

University of Sydney. Having done 'volunteer work' at the old Children's Hospital at Camperdown as a sophomore, she gained a passion for Paediatrics which informed her future professional life. Karen is a leading practitioner in Cystic Fibrosis, and has been so since she began her working life at the old Children's Hospital in Camperdown, through her years at St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, and since returning to The Children's Hospital in its new location at Westmead. Karen has the privilege of delivering clinical care, education and conducting clinical research in children with Cystic Fibrosis and continues to be inspired and motivated by them and their families on a daily basis.

MCLAUGHLIN, Brigid

FR 1988



Brigid McLaughlin has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in fine arts and went on to gain her Fashion Design Diploma from the National Art School, East Sydney graduating with

distinction.

Success in the international Smirnoff Design Competition led to Brigid taking on the role of designer for the newly launched Charlie Brown brand. After six months Brigid's responsibilities were extended to design the Lili label for the Discovery Group. After five years with the Discovery Group, Brigid travelled extensively in Europe. She spent a year in London working with Issey Miyake, London. Upon returning to Australia in 2001, Brigid was Head of Design, David Lawrence. From 2004 to 2005, Brigid was Head of Design, Lisa Ho.

Brigid launched her independent collection in 2006. Her brand has stockists in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the USA.

MEANY, Rt Rev Monsignor James

Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930; Chairman of Council, 1950 - 1953

Monsignor Meany's association with Sancta Sophia College dates from 1925 when, as a member of the Advisory Committee established by Archbishop Kelly, his talents and his zeal were instrumental in securing the successful opening of the first wing of the College in the following year. From then on his interest in the affairs of the College was unflagging, until his death in 1953. As a Councillor and later as Chairman, his wisdom and wide experience were always at service. The Monsignor's interest in the College was a personal one - he would even find time to help the students in their choice of records for Musicales.

The Irish-born Monsignor Meany was best known for four things: Diocesan Inspector of Schools in Sydney; parish priest of St Mark's, Drummoyne; founder and first managing director of Australia's only Catholic radio station, 2SM; and chairman of the Catholic Weekly. His renowned business acumen also saw him appointed to a position on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Club Land and Building Company. He was also President of St Michael's Golf Club from 1939 until his death in 1953.

MOORE (née COLLINS), Clover
FR 1965, University of Sydney Alumni
Award for Community Achievement 2010



Clover Moore (née Collins) grew up in the suburb of Gordon, on Sydney's North Shore. She attended Loreto Kirribilli, before going on to study teaching at the University of Sydney, during which time she

resided at Sancta Sophia College. While at university, she married Peter Moore, an architect. After graduating from university, the pair moved to London for five years, settling in the inner city suburb of Redfern on their return to Sydney.

She was elected to the South Sydney Council in 1980, beginning a career in Local Government which continues to this day. She has been the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney since 2004. Clover is the first popularly elected female Lord Mayor of Sydney.

She was also an independent member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly from 1988 to 2012, representing the electorates of Bligh (1988–2007) and Sydney (2007–2012).

Clover is a pionéer of the community-based Independent Movement in local and state politics, and has been especially concerned about the quality of representation, participatory democracy, social justice and resident action groups. In 1991, she co-authored the NSW Charter of Reform of Government. Her policy interests include local government, the environment, the community, education, urban planning, housing and the arts.

MORROW, Rosemary
FR 1966



Rosemary 'Rowe' Morrow is a pioneer of permaculture. She considers permaculture to be 'sacred knowledge' to be carried and shared with others. For over

40 years she has taken this knowledge to people in Africa, Central and Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe. She has a special commitment to working with people of war-torn countries like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Bosnia and Afghanistan. As well as teaching permaculture, Rowe is also a teacher of teachers. She is the co-founder of The Blue Mountains Permaculture Institute and the author of *The Earth User's Guide to Permaculture* and *The Earth User's Guide to Teaching Permaculture*. Rowe is also one of the 26 contributors to *Permaculture Pioneers - Stories from the New Frontier*.

MULLINS, Rev Monsignor William
Member of Council 1995 – 2002

Monsignor William Mullins grew up in the Depression and was a school boy at De La Salle, Ashfield. He was first a brother and then entered the priesthood, being ordained in 1975.

He has had roles as Process Instructor of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Assistant Archdiocesan Secretary at the Sydney Chancery and official of the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome.

In 2013 Mons Mullins wrote the book *From Brotherhood to Priesthood: The Memoirs of Monsignor William A Mullins*. The book offers an insight into the milestone events of the Catholic Church in Australia as well as an insight into life in the Curia where Mons Mullins served for more than 20 years from 1970 until 1990.

Mons Mullins served under two Holy Fathers, first Pope Paul VI and then Pope John Paul II, and knew all the leaders and luminaries of Vatican life at the time. He was only the second Australian appointed to the Curia, he was also named Chaplain to His Holiness and in 1986 Pope John Paul II gave him the rank of Prelate of Honour to His Holiness.

Mons Mullins's memoirs provide a fascinating insight of Australian church history and life in the Holy See over more than 70 years.

O'CONNOR, Annette
FR 1987

Dr Annette O'Connor is a veterinary epidemiologist, and she has applied the principles of that discipline to a diverse set of fields, including livestock diseases, food-borne pathogens

of animal proteins and veterinary public health. She received a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) from the University of Sydney in 1993, a Masters of Veterinary Science (MVSc) from the University of Queensland in 1997 and a Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) from the University of Guelph in 2001. In 2009, Dr O'Connor was admitted as a Fellow of Epidemiology to the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. Dr O'Connor is currently Professor of Epidemiology at Iowa State University. Dr O'Connor teaches epidemiology methods and inference in the Preventive Veterinary Medicine Program at Iowa State University the MPH program at the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa.

O'NEILL, Aidan

PG 1984; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2016



Aidan O'Neill QC is dual-qualified. He is a barrister in practice in England and Wales, and a leading member of the Scottish bar. He has a wide ranging EU/public law practice both north and south of the border. He is a

specialist in EU law, human rights and constitutional law. His expert legal advice is regularly sought, particularly on the impact of EU law on other areas of UK law, including on charity law, employment law, environmental law, equality law, private international law, public procurement, and trade law. He has argued cases as senior counsel before the UK Supreme Court, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the European Court of Human Rights.

Aidan is also a widely published legal author with three legal text books to his name to date - EU for UK Lawyers (2nd edition, 2011), Judicial Review in Scotland: a practitioner's guide (1999) and Decisions of the European Court of Justice and their constitutional implications (1994) - as well as numerous academic articles. He is the

founder, editor and a contributor to the blog EUtopia law (www.eutopialaw.com). Aidan was named EU Lawyer of the Year in 2015.

Aidan describes his days at Sancta as "the happiest time of his life".

PARKER, Rae

FR 1976



Rae has worked tirelessly at the Legal Aid Commission in Tamworth for 20 years. She has an unstinting commitment to social justice in her work as a criminal lawyer in the New England area.

PASFIELD (née FOTHERINGHAME),

Dr Joan

Member of Council 1964 – 1993;

Honorary Fellow

Joan Pasfield (née Fotheringhame) graduated MB BS in 1942, and was the first woman to win the prize for operative surgery, which was awarded annually by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Dr Pasfield was elected to fill a Council vacancy caused by death of Mrs Eileen Lyons, and was welcomed to Council at its meeting of 3 September 1964. In February 1975, she was elected to the position of Honorary Secretary. She served on Council until March 1993.

PERKINS, Ella (later Sr Margaret Mary OP)

FR 1926

Ella Perkins was one of the first students of Sancta Sophia College, having actually lived at the temporary premises Leinster Hall in City Road prior to the building of the College. During this time, she was the 'almoner' of Mother MacRory. As the Society of the Sacred Heart was an enclosed order, the nuns were prevented from going out in public. In her role as 'almoner' Ella made purchases at the local shop Mother MacRory liked to patronise, and visited neighbourhood families on her behalf.

PICKLES, Edwina

FR 1997; Sancta Alumn Award for Cultural Contribution 2016



Edwina Pickles graduated from University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Visual Arts. She is a staff photographer for Fairfax Media, and in 2015 was awarded the United Nations Association of

Australia Peace Awards, Best Photojournalist Award for her photo essay *Inside the World's Largest Refugee Camp* (Dadaab, Eastern Kenya). She was a finalist for the same award in 2014, for her photography in Southern Sudan. Edwina is passionate about recording on camera, and promoting what is happening in worn torn areas of the world. In the words of the UN Award judges, "[she] uses the [photographic] medium to highlight a pressing humanitarian issue by providing a perspective that is both sympathetic and informative".

PRYKE, Father Roger

Member of Council 1958 – 1973

Father Pryke was elected to Council in 1958, and resigned in 1973 following his resignation from the priesthood.

Ordained in 1944, Father Roger Pryke was appointed to the position of chaplain to Catholic students at the University of Sydney in 1951. In 1957, he commenced a course of lectures on Theology for nuns, which was offered in a residential setting at Sancta Sophia College. Implemented before Vatican II, these courses were a significant development in religious life for many participants, so when Vatican II happened, these women were ready for the changes it brought.

A champion of the role colleges played in University life as a whole, he also contributed to annual retreats for students, and chaired Newman Society discussion groups at Sancta Sophia on Sunday evenings, providing a supportive environment in which students were free to question, challenge and learn.

RAGGIO, Mrs Janice

9th Principal 1992 – 2000 (First lay Principal of the College), Honorary Fellow



Faced with the formidable task of being the first lay Principal of a College founded and conducted by a community of nuns, Janice Raggio arrived at Sancta Sophia in February 1992 from St Thomas More College

at the University of Western Australia. Originally from South Australia, Janice held a BA (Hons) and a DipEd from the University of Adelaide. Widowed when her two sons were quite young, she knew well the role of a career woman with family responsibilities.

The possibility of the appointment of a lay Principal had been foreshadowed in the late 1970s, when the Society of the Sacred Heart increasingly experienced difficulty in finding suitable candidates to fill the role. On 16 April 1982, amendments to the Sancta Sophia College Act were passed, to the effect that the Principal can be other than a nun.

RANKIN, Mr Archibald Aloysius

Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930



Born Tumut NSW in 1871, and educated at St Ignatius' College Riverview, Archibald Rankin was admitted to practice law in 1897 by the Supreme Court of NSW. In 1899, he moved to Newcastle where he remained

until his death in October 1951. Possessed of a great sense of civic duty, Mr Rankin gave a lifetime of service to innumerable deserving causes, including the Royal Newcastle Hospital. In 1930, he was appointed to the first Council of Sancta Sophia College by Archbishop Michael Kelly, and brought to the Council his talents of

good judgement and sound common sense. He remained on Council until his death in 1951.

RUBENSOHN, Ms Victoria AM
FR 1966; Sancta Alumni Award for Leadership 2013



Victoria attended The University of Sydney and was a Fresher at Sancta in 1966. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Government, a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Masters of Human Rights

degree. She has been a Member of the Order of Australia since 2004. She was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1983.

In 1989 Victoria was appointed Executive Director of the International Institute of Communications in the UK. During that period, she was involved in communications institution building in Eastern Europe and was co-creator of a United Nations Convention on Disaster Communications. She also served as a consultant to the South African Independent Broadcasting Authority (an AusAID project) following the end of the apartheid government.

Victoria is a founding director and former Secretary of the Fred Hollows Foundation and is a member of Amnesty International. She is former Chair of the UTS School of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Committee, former Chair of the Jessie Street National Women's Library and former Advisory Board Member of the Media and Telecommunications Policy Group, RMIT.

SAMUELSON, Rosmarie

Rosmarie was a wonderful supporter of the College and a generous benefactor of the College. She donated a number of artworks including a medieval icon and a renaissance capital that has pride of place in the Quad. Rosmarie was a founding member of the Mother Swift Bequest Society.

SCOTT, Dr Tim

PG 1990; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2015



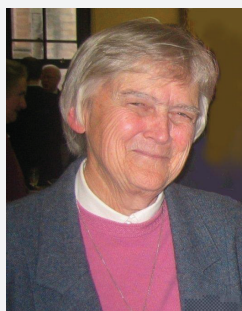
Tim was a graduate student at Sancta from 1990-93, completing a PhD in Neurophysiology. He is the Director of the Quadriplegic Hand Research Unit, Royal North Shore Hospital and commenced as

the Paediatric Rehabilitation Fellow for the Sydney Children's Hospital Network in 2015.

Whilst here, Tim was interested in the manipulation of the nervous system using electronic devices (such as, for example, cochlear implants and pacemakers), and so his neuroscience research PhD involved the training of the nervous system with electrical pulses. Dr Scott established his own research team, based out of the Spinal Cord Injuries Unit at Royal North Shore Hospital, the Quadriplegic Hand Research Unit, which saw the development of the rehabilitation glove. This special glove uses artificial muscles to bring back movement to hands and fingers for people who have lost the use of their hands or fingers due to injury or disease.

SHANAHAN, Sister Mary rscj

Student 1955 – 1957; Dean of Students 1957; Vice Principal 1959 – 1967; 8th Principal, 1983 – 1992; Honorary Fellow



Sister Mary Shanahan's distinguished career as a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been characterised by two things: her ability to generate a sense of community commitment and responsibility

amongst her colleagues and the students in her care; and the ability to achieve a balance between the provision of stability and structure on one

hand and the scope for personal freedom and development on the other. Both these qualities were evident in the multiple leadership roles Sr Shanahan played at Sancta Sophia College, and especially during her tenure as Principal.

In addition to her roles at Sancta Sophia College, Sr Shanahan was the Provincial of the Society in Australia and New Zealand for five years, and was called to Rome to be a Councillor on General Council in Rome for 6 years. Now working in areas of spirituality in Kincoppal-Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart, Sr Shanahan also maintains her close links with Sancta Sophia College, where the Sr Mary Shanahan RSCJ Scholarship Appeal was launched in 2014.

SHELDON, John
Member of Council 1976 – 2002,
Honorary Fellow



John Sheldon made an immeasurable contribution to College and his position on the Council provided continuity with his family who were generous benefactors of the College since its founding.

John chaired the Policy, Mission and Philosophy subcommittee of Council for over 10 years and was instrumental in the establishment of a scholarship and bursary policy to ensure consistency with the granting of scholarships and bursaries from year to year, and was part of the committee to award scholarships and bursaries. He was on the interview panel for several Principals, and encouraged them to require a standard of high academic achievement across the student body.

John contributed to the formulation of many College policies including the introduction of resident assistants and their training and qualifications as well as the investigation into whether Sancta should become co-residential. John introduced the concept of Fellows of the College, and promoted relevant worthy persons for that award. A significant project overseen

by John was the writing of the College history, *Wisdom Built Herself a House*, by Sr Marie Kennedy during the mid 1990s.

John was a student of the classics, and continued to study in the field, notwithstanding his retirement from his teaching career, as Master of Lower School, Sydney Grammar in the mid 2000s. His expertise in Sanskrit is internationally recognised.

SHELDON, Sir Mark
Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 – 1955



Sir Mark Sheldon was a staunch supporter of the establishment of Sancta Sophia College. Sir Mark Sheldon (1871-1956), businessman, was born in Armidale, New South Wales and educated at Armidale

until 11, then at Riverview College, and later at Downside College, England. In 1890 he joined the merchants and shipping agents, Dalton Bros, and rose through the ranks to become general manager in 1896. On 26 October 1897 at St Mary's Church, North Sydney, he married Blanche Mary, daughter of his employer Thomas Dalton.

A successful businessman, Sir Mark also served as the Australian Representative at the League of Nations in 1922, and Australia's Commissioner to America from 1919-22. Sir Mark and his wife were generous benefactors of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Rose Bay (where Lady Sheldon was educated), and Sancta Sophia College on whose council Sir Mark served from 1929-55. He was knighted in 1922, and made a papal knight commander of the Order of St Gregory in 1929.

Sir Mark was a primary influence in securing the passing of Sancta's independent statute in 1929

SHELDON, Mr Justice William Stratford
Member of Council 1956 – 1975

William Stratford Sheldon continued the family connection with the College.

A graduate in Arts and Law from University of Sydney, he shared the University Medal in Law in 1930. Admitted to the Bar in the same year, he maintained his links with the Law School, where he succeeded Mr. Justice Kitto as Challis Lecturer in Bankruptcy Law and Probate in 1934. He later lectured in Company Law, and (after service with the R.A.A.F. in World War II) in Industrial Law. His knowledge of the lore of this jurisdiction was unrivalled. William Sheldon was appointed to the Industrial Commission of New South Wales in 1966, and he delivered a number of important judgments of the Commission.

SHELDON, Lady Blanche Mary
Member of first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 – 1955



Together with her husband, Sir Mark Sheldon, Lady Blanche Sheldon was a long-time supporter and benefactor of Sancta Sophia College, and a member of the first College Council. She

served on Council until her death in July 1955. Having donated £9,000 to build the Sheldon (West) Wing of the College in 1928, Lady Sheldon continued to support the College through the donation of everything from rubber mats in the kitchen “to save the cook’s feet”, to a set of silver dish covers for the dining room, and a forty-one piece Crown Derby tea set. The Sheldon Dining Hall and its magnificent stained glass window are also testimony to her generosity.

Her death was recorded with much regret and sadness in the Minutes of the Council meeting of 1 September 1955. Archbishop O’Brien wrote “that beautiful College would always remain a memorial to her generosity”.

SMOKER, Mary
FR 1964



Mary is a well regarded pharmacist in Sydney and a staunch supporter of the College. She is a major benefactor through the Mary Smoker Scholarship.

SPRUSON, Mrs Anne Therese
Member of the first Council of Sancta Sophia College 1930 – 1956



A Foundation member of the Sancta Sophia College Council, appointed by Archbishop Kelly in 1930, Mrs Anne Spruson had been a staunch supporter of the movement to

establish a Catholic college for women within the University of Sydney. She served as a Councillor until her death in October 1956.

SULLIVAN, Janette
FR 1964



Janette practiced first as a staff specialist in child psychiatry at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children and later at Westmead Children’s Hospital. She then moved to private practice in psychotherapy. Several years ago, she retired

from her practice and made a career change to become a manager in a start-up company for an innovative medical device.

Janette is a major benefactor of the College through the Janette Sullivan Scholarship.

SUTTOR, Pamela
FR 1957



Pam has been a solicitor since 1963 and an accredited specialist in Wills and Estates since 1995. She is a current Councillor of the Law Society of NSW, and was Chair of the Elder Law and Succession

Committee from 2006 to 2013. She is also Section Editor of the Elder Law Section of the Australian Law Journal.

Pam is a major benefactor of the College through the Pam Suttor Scholarship.

STACK, Dr Ella CBE
FR 1947; Sancta Alumni Award for Community Service 2015



Dr Stack's professional achievements are numerous. As a medical doctor, she was a first responder to the devastation of Cyclone Tracy.

Following the cyclone, she was instrumental in organising disaster

relief for the city of Darwin, and became heavily involved in the reconstruction of the city. She was Mayor (and became the first Lord Mayor) of Darwin from 1975 - 1980, first Assistant Secretary of the Northern Territory Department of Health Division of Aboriginal Health, and later the Secretary of the Department of Health of the Northern Territory. Dr Stack has been recognised for her services to the people of Darwin with a CBE in 1979 and an International Women's Day honour from the NT Government in 2011.

STEPHEN, Miss Alison
FR 1939; Sancta Alumni Award for Professional Achievement 2013



Alison attended The University of Sydney in 1939 and graduated with distinction with a pass Arts degree in 1942. She was first employed by Australian Wireless Association (AWA) and from there to

work at the Ministry of Munitions. Towards the end of the War, Alison was involved in planning and in setting up the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) – now CentreLink.

Alison went on to be in charge of the International Branch of the Department which had close links to the International Labour Office (ILO), an agency of the United Nations headquartered in Geneva. Through this organisation, policies and standards relating to labour conditions were drawn up and conventions which hopefully would be adopted by member countries and subject to inspection and confirmation by the ILO.

In 1962, Alison was put in charge of Aboriginal Employment in Australia, a position she held for 5 years. Her aim was to improve the education of the Aboriginal population and employment opportunities.

In 1974 Alison became an Assistant Secretary of the Department. The appointment of women to this rank at that time was unusual and Alison was one of the first women to achieve this rank. In this position she was involved in international employment policy direction until her retirement in 1981.

Alison was a trailblazer at a time when women were barred from permanent employment as clerks in the Public Service and went on to be Assistant Secretary of the Employment Development Branch of the Department of Labour and Immigration, a first for a woman at that time.

SWIFT, Mother Yvonne
4th Principal 1958 – 1972



Yvonne Swift was born in Melbourne. Educated at the Bourke Street Convent of the Sacred Heart, she studied law at Melbourne University and was admitted into practice as a lawyer in 1937. Seeking a

religious vocation, she took a ship from Melbourne to Sydney soon after the outbreak of the Second World War, where she presented herself at the Rose Bay Convent of the Sacred Heart and entered the community.

Mother Swift committed herself to her work as a religious teacher in schools run by the order. For several years she was principal of the Rose Bay Convent, and in 1958 she was appointed as principal of Sancta Sophia, a post she held for 14 years. Her term as Principal coincided with a remarkable period in the history of the College, influenced by the post-Vatican II changes, a period of enormous social change, the building extension program resulting from increased Commonwealth government funding for universities, and Australia's entry into the Vietnam War.

In 1972, she resigned her position to return to the law and refreshed her legal knowledge at the newly established law school of the University of NSW. In 1973, she was admitted to practice as a solicitor in NSW.

Sancta's Bequest Society is named in her honour.

TOOHEY, Sister Patricia
7th Principal 1979 – 1983



Although preferring a secondary education ministry, Sister Patricia Toohey agreed to take on the role of College Principal at a time when it was becoming increasingly difficult for the RSCJ to identify suitable

candidates for the role. Her initial appointment of one year eventually extended to four. In acknowledging her contribution to the College, Council noted with gratitude that Sister Toohey had remained in the role well beyond what was originally asked of her. A quiet, retiring person, she is remembered as a compassionate, dedicated Principal who held the College together gently, but firmly, at an awkward interval.

WALSH, Mrs Barbara
10th Principal 2000 – 2005



Barbara was born in New Zealand and studied law in Wellington. She completed her Articles in the family law firm and then married an Australian diplomat. For the following 30 years they travelled

extensively. Barbara practiced as an asylum lawyer for UNHCR in Singapore and later at the Bar in Auckland. In 2000, she was invited to apply for the position of Principal at Sancta Sophia. She served on the Kincoppal Rose Bay Board from 2002 – 2011, is a past Chair of Australian Institute of International Affairs, New South Wales and is currently a member of the Scholarships Committee at the University of Sydney. Barbara has a lifelong, deep connection with the sisters of the Sacred Heart and their educational mission.

WALSH, Louise
FR 1985



Louise began her career as a corporate lawyer at Allens Arthur Robinson in January 1991. In late 1992, she was seconded from Allens to the Sydney Olympic Bid working as the Community

Relations Manager. Louise went on to work closely with the Bid's Lobby Team, led by John Coates to help devise and implement individual

strategies for the International Olympic Committee members.

Following the success of Sydney's Olympic Bid in September 1993, Louise joined the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG). She was the first member of SOCOG's Sponsorship/Marketing team and brokered a number of significant corporate partnerships for the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games including Westpac and Ansett.

In 1998, Louise left SOCOG to work for the City of Sydney as Director, Look of the City. The Program and Committee were established by Frank Sartor, then Lord Mayor, to improve 'the look of the city in the lead up to the 2000 Games'. Louise managed special projects for the Council working with some of Australia's pre-eminent designers and architects.

Louise's career took on an arts focus in late 1999 when she became the Director of Development for the Sydney Symphony, leading the fundraising team to raise over \$4 million per annum. Since then, Louise's career has included being the founding Director of Artsupport Australia, an initiative of the Australia Council for the Arts to grow cultural philanthropy, and facilitated over \$65 million of philanthropic grants and donations for the arts and cultural sector, as well as CEO of Philanthropy Australia. Louise is a significant benefactor and supporter of the College.

WATTS, Sarah *FR 1982*



Sara has had roles as Chief Financial Officer for IBM Australia and New Zealand, and most recently as the University of Sydney's first Vice-Principal (Operations) 2014 - 2016.

Sara was at IBM for more than 28 years and held a number of senior executive roles for the Australia/New Zealand and Asia Pacific regions before becoming CFO in 2008. At the University she had direct responsibility for four of the key professional service units that supported the

University's operations.

Sara also sits on the board of Vision Australia, chairs the Audit Committee of the Victorian Auditor General's Office, and was on the board of Sydney Philharmonia Choirs from 2006 until 2014, including as Chair.

In November 2013, Sara was the recipient of the 2nd ARN WIITCA (Women in ICT Awards) Achievement Award for her leadership skills and commitment to women in the Australian ICT industry.

WESTBROOK (née BARTLETT), Mary AM *FR 1955*



Dr Mary Westbrook is a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society. She is a Visiting Professor at the Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences,

Macquarie University. When she was working full-time Mary was Associate Professor in the Department of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney. Much of her teaching and research there focused on the social and psychological aspects of living with disability.

Mary is a polio survivor and was a founding member of Post-Polio Network (NSW) [now Polio NSW] and through its website has provided a global email information service for polio survivors and health care providers. She conducted the first research into the late effects of polio in Australia.

In 1998 Mary was awarded an AM for "services to people with disabilities particularly those suffering from post-polio syndrome, and to education in the field of health sciences research".

WHETTON, Simone

FR 1987



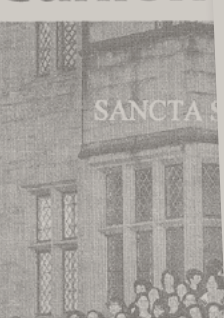
Simone Whetton is a partner in the corporate team at Colin Biggers & Paisley. Simone's expertise is in corporate transactions and corporate advisory, with a focus on unlisted companies

across key industry sectors including transport and logistics, manufacturing, pharmaceutical and healthcare, energy and resources and technology, telecommunications. Simone also advises in respect of outsourcing and procurement issues.

Simone is a fluent German speaker and acts for many German and foreign companies operating in Australia. She is a member of the Australian German Chamber of Industry and Commerce. She also presents a regular "What's On" segment on ABC Radio 702 in Sydney.

Other Notables?

Do you believe that there are people who should be similarly recognised? We welcome your contributions at any time. Please forward your suggestions to alumni@sancta.edu.au with as much detail as possible.



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Four former principal, all RSCJs, Yvonne Swift, Mary d'Apice, Patricia Toohy and Mary Shanahan returned to renew friendships. Joan Anthill who attended the college as a fresher in 1934 was among the many women at the reunion.

Highlights of the weekend included an anniversary dinner, an archives display, and a tour of the places of historical interest in Newtown led by a guide from the Murrumbidgee Historical Society. Several of the ex-students bunked down in their old rooms.

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