



The Power of a Bequest

A shared vision: enriching
teaching and learning at BGS



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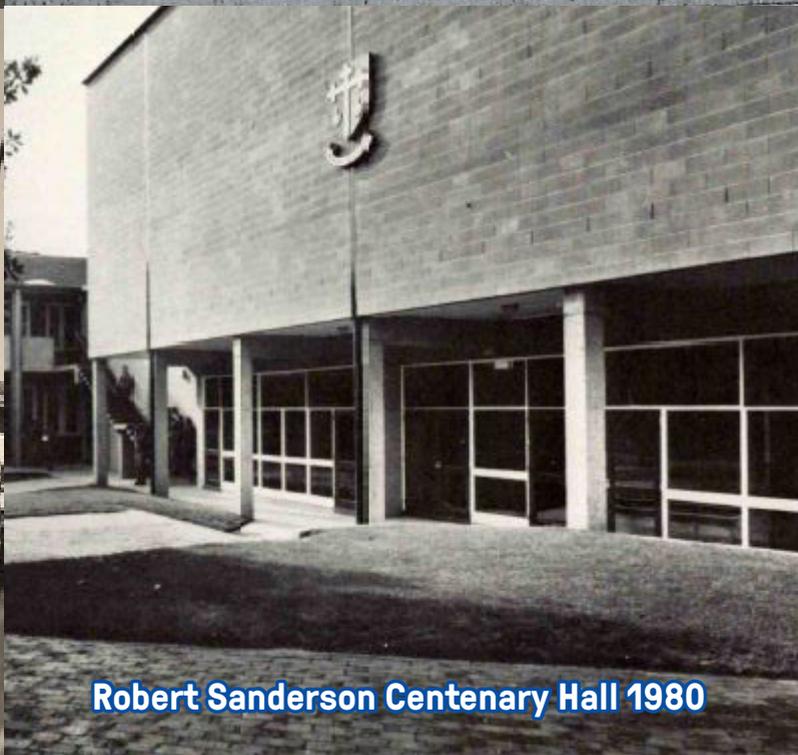
Casa Viejo - BGS 1882



Pendennis 1905



Secondary School Building 1930



Robert Sanderson Centenary Hall 1980



Junior School 2001



Urwin Centre for Learning 2014

Welcome



“Thank you for taking the time to read how your bequest embraces our vision and enriches the future of our great School.

BGS has a proud history. For nearly 140 years our School has enjoyed an honoured tradition of delivering our boys a first-rate education. This has been made possible through the courageous vision of our founders and the generous support of our community which has enabled BGS to withstand the challenges of wars, the Great Depression and other periods of economic insecurity.

Today, BGS rightly takes its place as one of Australia’s leading boys schools.

By including BGS in your Will, you share

in our vision for the future. You may create a pathway for worthy boys to join BGS through our Scholarship Program. You may target your bequest to our Building Program or to a particular area of School activity such as Music, Sport or Drama.

No matter where your bequest is directed it will make a significant difference. It is a legacy of which you can be justly proud.”

Ross Featherston
Headmaster

Scholarships: life-changing

Your bequest to our Scholarship Fund is life-changing for worthy and talented boys whose parents are not able to afford BGS fees. Your bequest not only transforms the lives of future BGS scholarship boys but also enriches the diversity of the School.

“The Scholarship Fund is a great way to help the School grow by fostering its academic and sporting achievements, broadening its musical and artistic horizons, and culturally enriching each boy’s experiences.” Richard Bowen (OB 1987).

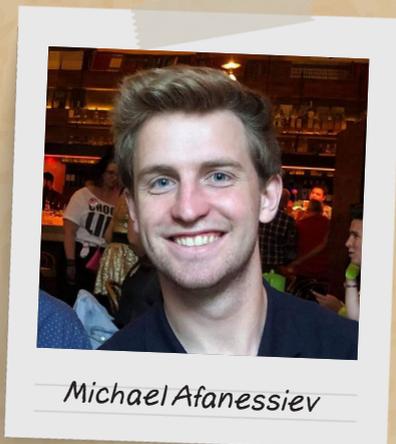
Numerous scholarship recipients have expressed their gratitude for the gift of a BGS education.

Oscar O’Brien (OB 2019)

“The support provided by the School to me, and my Mum, at a time when it was most needed was truly something that I will be forever thankful for. The lessons taught to me outside the classroom by Brighton Grammar School have been especially invaluable and moulded my character. I have learnt values that will guide me through life and for that, I will be forever grateful.

It goes without saying that if there is ever an opportunity to give back or help the School in any way, please never hesitate to contact me.”





Michael Afanassiev (OB 2013) Lawyer

“My BGS scholarship changed my life. As well as wonderful experiences, it gave me the opportunity to enter a world that otherwise would have been closed off to me. Put simply, my scholarship has given me the best chance of success and for that I will be forever grateful.”

Michael was awarded an Academic Scholarship in Year 4. He fully immersed himself in the life of the School and completed an outstanding VCE in 2013.

Harry McKenzie (Year 9, 2020)

“I’m loving my time at BGS. I know the donors of this scholarship want to remain anonymous, but I hope I get to meet them one day. I couldn’t thank them enough. My mum and I had driven by BGS many times over the past few years and I never thought I would be able to attend this school, and for this opportunity I will always be grateful. I hope one day I will be able to pay it forward.”

Harry was awarded the Briar’s Scholarship to commence at BGS in 2018.



Bequest Options

There are many options available such as leaving your bequest to a specific sporting, academic or cultural activity.

Recently bequests have been left specifically to enhance Drama and Music, whilst a former First VIII oarsman has left his bequest to Rowing. Other specific bequests have provided scholarships for indigenous boys, for boys from single parent families, and boys with disabilities.

The remarkable legacy of John Gray (OB 1964)

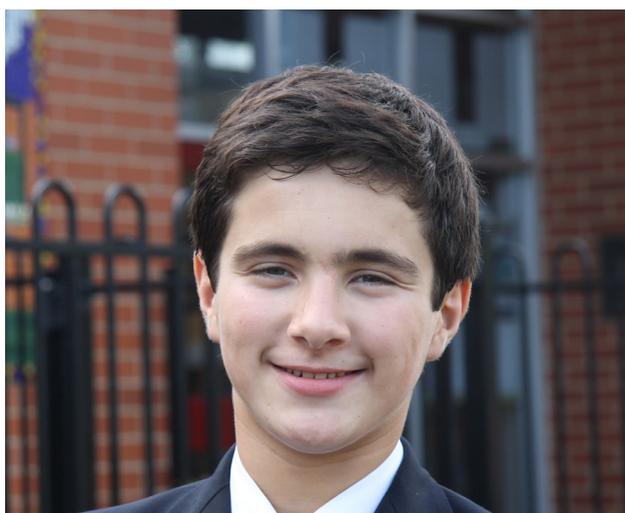
John died in 2010 and left a substantial bequest to provide means-tested scholarships for boys of fine character who could demonstrate that they would embrace the spirit and culture of BGS and benefit from a BGS education. Recipients of John's generosity will attend BGS for as long as our gates are open. Already seven boys have benefited from John's bequest – a remarkable legacy.



John Gray (top row, second from left) in 1963

Dan Canta inaugural recipient of John Gray Scholarship

“Being given the opportunity to go to such an amazing school has honestly changed my life. I am amazed by the sheer amount of effort put in by staff who are extremely supportive, caring for you academically but also supporting you as you progress through the School.”



Dan Canta (OB 2017), recipient of the John Gray Scholarship



A gift in your Will to our Building Fund: continuing Dr Crowther's proud resolve

Since its inception, BGS has been determined to provide our boys and teachers with the best possible learning environments, a proud resolve of our founder Dr Crowther. This has been achieved thanks to the philanthropic support of our community. Recently, bequests have contributed to the funding of the Secondary School Library Resource Complex, the Urwin Centre For Learning, the Wellbeing Centre and the Annandale pavilion.

Including the Building Fund in your Will continues this proud resolve enabling the School to confidently plan for the future. Your support guarantees that future.

The Centre for Science, Creativity and Entrepreneurship: preparing our boys for a future 'beyond tomorrow'.

Early in 2020 the School embarked on its most ambitious project, our Centre for Science, Creativity and Entrepreneurship.



“Our vision is to bring to life a purpose-built Centre for Science, Creativity and Entrepreneurship. Within these new walls we will couple the expertise of our Staff with a Design Thinking approach to teaching and learning to better equip our boys with the knowledge, the tools and the adaptability to negotiate the future and seize its opportunities.”

Ross Featherston, Headmaster

Bequests have assisted in bringing to life many of our recent buildings



Wellbeing Centre 2016



Secondary School Library 2007



Impression of our Centre for Science, Creativity and Entrepreneurship

The Centre will be situated on the St Andrew's tennis courts and will include dedicated learning spaces for Science, ICT, Robotics, Design Thinking and Creative Arts and will incorporate large meeting and display areas, an underground 1000 seat auditorium, two levels of underground car parking, and tennis courts atop the building.



BGS Generations: current boys with their fathers & grandfathers who are BGS Old Boys in the Quad 2019

Establishing an Endowment

To establish an Endowment named in your memory or in the memory of a loved one, your bequest is invested under the umbrella of the Brighton Grammar School Endowment Fund. The capital remains untouched in perpetuity and the earnings will fund the pre-designated purpose of your choice.



The principal and the interest will be directed solely to the specific terms of your Will and will not be utilised for any other purpose. Monies received are invested with the utmost level of care and respect for your wishes by the Fund's investment committee. However, it is important to realise that investment decisions are at the discretion of the School.

To find out more about establishing an Endowment, our Bequest Manager, Peter Toms, would be delighted to organise a meeting with you. After meeting with Peter, it is strongly advised that you complete your Will under the supervision of a solicitor.

Peter can be contacted at the Development Office: (03) 8591 2274 or tomsp@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au

Welcome to our Sequamur Society



Monty Stephens, Trudy Talbot, Margaret Templeton & Michael Talbot at the 2017 cocktail party



Ian Robertson, Tim Renouf & Phillip Hamilton at the 2017 cocktail party

In 2008 the School established the Sequamur Society to honour and thank in their lifetime those members of our BGS community who have confirmed their intention to include BGS in their Will.

The Sequamur Society, over 100 members, is a wonderful mix of Old Boys, past and present parents, and present and former members of Staff, ensuring that future generations of Brighton Grammarians will enjoy an exceptional education.

The Sequamur Society will always have a very special place in the life of our School. Members are invited to special School events as well as the annual Sequamur Society function attended by the Headmaster and members of School Council.

The Sequamur Society looks forward to welcoming you and sharing with you our passion for providing future BGS boys with the very best educational opportunities so they are equipped with the skill, the mindset and endeavour to succeed in a complex, uncertain but exciting future.



The Headmaster welcoming Phillip Hamilton to the Sequamur Society in 2016



“Each year it is my pleasure to attend the annual Sequamur Society Cocktail Party to thank our members for their generosity and affection for the School. This is a special occasion, meeting with such a diverse section of our community – Old Boys, current and former parents and Staff, who are so passionate about the School. There is such a unifying enthusiasm for the School that binds this wonderful group together.

A robust Sequamur Society shares in our vision for the future so that our boys will be best equipped to successfully navigate the challenges they will encounter in their adult lives.”

Ross Featherston
Headmaster

Creating a shared vision: why members of our community have included BGS in their Wills



Tino Marget (OB 1968)

Father of Luke (OB 1995) and Tim (OB 1993)

“It has been so encouraging to see the School’s development in recent years brought about by the generous financial support of past and current parents, Old Boys and others. I know that similar support will always be needed to further enhance the educational experiences of our boys. With our support, Brighton Grammar will continue to prosper into the future.”

Maggie and Frank Lynch

Maggie, member of Staff, and Frank Lynch, former Member of Council, parents of Simon (OB 1993), Adrian (OB 1994), Andrew (OB 2007)

“We have had three boys who attended Brighton Grammar over a period of 19 consecutive years, 1989-2007. During those years great changes were made at School, thanks to the generosity of donors. As parents of three boys and a girl, we were stretched to make significant donations, so instead decided to leave something more substantial in our Wills.”



Keith Ferguson

Member of Staff 1963-1990

The Keith Ferguson Bursary is Keith’s legacy to BGS. As a member of Staff, Keith’s greatest concern was for those boys who had to be withdrawn from the School when their parents encountered financial difficulties. Keith’s bequest has been invested to assist parents in meeting their fee obligations.

Neil (OB 1954) and Mavis Grummitt

“Despite my father’s hard childhood, he insisted that I receive a quality education. Now, financially comfortable and in my 80s, my wife Mavis and I wish to return some of our good fortune to benefit other boys, whose parents have quality aspirations for their sons, but are unable to afford it. We were both brought up to think of others less fortunate than ourselves so the Sequamur Society has enabled us to leave a bequest in our Wills to the School and in particular to the Scholarship Fund.”



Tim Renouf (OB 1974)

“I am so grateful for attending BGS from 1967-74, a Christian-based school that provided guidance, encouragement and discipline that carry through all my life. My bequest is motivated by my gratitude for my education and my desire to ensure that other young men will have the opportunity to experience a BGS education.”

Max Nicholson (OB 1947)

Max has left a bequest in recognition of the kindness and support he received at BGS, and it primarily will assist boys whose parents encounter unforeseen financial difficulties.



Considering a gift in your Will

When including BGS in your Will, it is suggested that you contact our Bequest Manager, Peter Toms, who can outline the various options available to you. However, it is strongly advised that after meeting with Peter, you complete your Will under the supervision of a solicitor. If you have an existing Will, a codicil can be prepared by your solicitor. Peter can be contacted at the Development Office: (03) 8591 2274 or tomsp@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au

Maintaining control of your current financial circumstances

By including BGS in your Will after providing for your family, you maintain control of your current financial circumstances. No matter the size of your gift or where it is to be directed, every bequest strengthens the School now and in the future.

Suggested wording when leaving a gift in your Will to the School

Bequest to specific fund I GIVE [my whole estate] or [the residue of my estate] or [X% of the residue of my estate] or [the sum of \$.....] to [Brighton Grammar School Foundation Building Fund] or [Brighton Grammar School Scholarship Fund] or [Brighton Grammar School Foundation Endowment Fund] of 90 Outer Crescent Brighton Vic 3186. I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer for the time being of Brighton Grammar School Foundation shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees who shall not be responsible to see the application of the gift.

Unrestricted Bequest to the Brighton Grammar School Foundation I GIVE [my whole estate] or [the residue of my estate] or [X% of the residue of my estate] or [the sum of \$.....] to Brighton Grammar School Foundation 90 Outer Crescent Brighton Vic 3186. I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer for the time being of Brighton Grammar School Foundation shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees who shall not be responsible to see the application of the gift.

Investing in BGS values: Passion Respect, Accountability & Integrity



Our School's four core values underpin everything we do as a community.

PASSION for teaching and learning

RESPECT for people and everything around us

ACCOUNTABILITY for our actions, contributions and achievements

INTEGRITY in behaviour and decision making

Our teaching and professional support Staff ensures that your investment in the future of BGS fulfils your expectations.

Our Staff are special: they have chosen to work in a boys school and they do so with enthusiasm and expertise. They are passionate about developing, inspiring and guiding our boys on their journey to manhood. Every stage of a boy's journey is designed to bring out his best.

No wonder every boy feels he is appreciated, belongs and is well-known by the Staff.

Frequently asked questions

How is the Brighton Grammar School Endowment Fund managed?

Depending on the specific terms of your Will, your gift will either be disbursed in keeping with your wishes or, in the absence of any specific direction, it will be held in the School's Endowment Fund to provide long-term capital growth as well as a stable annual income stream in perpetuity. Monies received are invested with professional fund managers by the Fund's investment sub-committee. While your gift will be managed according to your wishes, it is important to note that investment decisions are at the discretion of the School.

I'm 45 – why is it important to have a Will now?

Your Will is amongst the most important documents that you will write. Yet 40% of Australian adults do not have a Will and risk that on death their estate will not be distributed as they would have wished. Regardless of your age or the size of your estate, a Will documents at this point in time your material possessions. Your estate ought to be disbursed according to what you really want.

Whom should I consult to write my Will?

It is important to consult a solicitor when writing your Will. This will ensure that you observe all the necessary legal requirements so that your estate is appropriately disbursed according to your wishes. From time to time, legal regulations relating to both Wills inclusion and exclusion are modified and your solicitor will be able to offer advice on such modifications.

Is the School really interested in receiving a modest bequest?

Yes, certainly. One of the problems confronting a bequest program is the notion that every bequest has to involve 'mega' dollars which can be most off-putting to those considering including the School in their Will. Of course, the School is grateful for some very substantial bequests; however, the School celebrates the generosity of all who leave a gift to the School no matter the amount. Many of our bequests are \$10,000 or less; it is amazing what these gifts can achieve.



When including Brighton Grammar School in my Will, do I need to inform the School?

No, but by informing the School, the School has the opportunity to thank you in your lifetime and ensure that you are aware of the various options available when leaving a gift to the School. Also, you will be invited to join the Sequamur Society. However, the School will keep your bequest confidential if this is your wish.

What assets can I pass on to the School?

There are various ways that you may gift your possessions and assets including leaving: a specific sum of money; a percentage of your estate; the residue of your estate after family and other interests have been provided for; specific property, pieces of art, shares or insurance policies; and family memorabilia.

Frequently asked questions cont.

When is it necessary to rewrite my Will?

Your relationships can change and may affect how your estate will be distributed. You should make a new Will if you or your children get married, divorced or separated, or have children or grandchildren; if you form a de facto relationship; if you buy or receive a significant asset or investment; if you become involved in a new business, company or trust; if one or more of the beneficiaries or executors named in your Will dies.

When can I change my Will?

You can change your Will as often as you like; making a new Will cancels your previous Will.

To make minor changes, you can amend your Will by adding a codicil. However, with word processing it may be convenient to simply include your amendment in your previous Will and reprint.

Am I able to choose how my bequest will benefit Brighton Grammar School?

Yes, you may wish to direct your bequest to our Scholarship or Building funds; or there may be a specific academic, cultural or sports areas that has a special interest for you. On the other hand, you may choose for the School to direct your gift to the area that it considers to be of most need.

Does Brighton Grammar School encourage bequests to support indigenous scholarships?

Yes, the School certainly encourages bequests directed to fund indigenous scholarships. In 2019 our first indigenous scholarship boy commenced at BGS and, with further community support, the School looks forward to increasing opportunities for indigenous boys to attend BGS.



Your gift, our future: the power of a bequest

Our Bequest Manager, Peter Toms, looks forward to discussing your bequest and all the options available to you, to ensure that your intentions will be implemented in the manner you desire.

Peter can be contacted at the Brighton Grammar School Development Office:

Phone (03) 8591 2274

Email tomsp@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au.

Brighton Grammar School thanks you for considering including a gift to BGS in your Will. No matter the size of your gift or the type of your gift or how you wish your gift to be directed, your gift will be much appreciated and will enhance the education of future Brighton Grammarians.







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