MENTONE GIRLS’ GRAMMAR
EST. 1899
YOUR PRESENT. HER FUTURE.
A GIFT FOR LIFE

Since 1899, Mentone Girls’ Grammar School has provided thousands of girls with a superb education. It is the generosity of past students, parents and friends of the School that has enabled this impact and created generations of remarkable women.

By making a provision for Mentone Girls’ Grammar School in your Will, you can create an enduring legacy and help to ensure that future generations of students continue to acquire a lifelong love of learning and be of service to the community.

Your bequest can be directed to an area of your choice. Did you know that school fees and government grants cover only the essential running costs of the School such as teacher salaries and classroom materials? By including the School in your Will, you can enhance and enrich the School’s learning environment by helping to enable critical building works, facilities or programs, or by providing scholarships for girls with great potential, who otherwise would be unable to afford our unique style of quality education.

By leaving a bequest you are giving a gift that makes a difference beyond your lifetime and ensures the School’s success for future generations. Some gifts are large, others are small, but they are all important and together they will make a significant difference to the education of future generations.

It is this commitment to the future of Mentone Girls’ Grammar School – a way of giving back – that lies at the heart of our philanthropic programs.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In planning for the future and when making your Will, Mentone Girls’ Grammar School asks you to consider the value of something often taken for granted – the gift of a quality education.

Every bequest, large or small, will make a unique contribution to the School, our students and, ultimately, to our community. Unless otherwise directed, your bequest will be added to an endowment fund managed by the Mentone Girls’ Grammar School Foundation which provides for:

- Bursaries to subsidise tuition fees for students who would otherwise be excluded
- Scholarships
- New equipment, facilities or technology
- Building projects

In addition, your bequest can support or contribute to special projects and innovative curriculum programs, prizes or awards.
“One of the reasons why I have given this scholarship is that I would like to see a girl have the education that I had at Mentone Girls’ Grammar School… It will prepare her for her life ahead, whether she is at university or business. I hope that other people will do the same thing.”

Aline Darke OAM (Class of 1930) 11 May 1920 – 8 March 2014

“Securing a scholarship to study at Mentone Girls’ Grammar School changed the trajectory of my life. I am truly grateful for my Mentone education – the teachers and staff ensured that the learning environment was supportive and empowering, and I forged lifelong friendships there. I hope my bequest will provide other young women with the chance to experience a Mentone Girls’ Grammar education, and all of the opportunities it brings.”

Deivina Peethamparam (Class of 1993)

“I have a long standing and enduring emotional attachment to Mentone Girls’ Grammar School. Our two daughters, Caroline and Jennifer, spent their entire school years at Mentone and many great and enduring friendships were formed by them, as well as by my wife and I. I hope my bequest can assist other girls to achieve their true potential.”

Alan Frees (Past Parent and Councillor)
HOW TO LEAVE A BEQUEST

If you have already made a Will, adding a bequest to the School is simple. Your solicitor can prepare a codicil form, or you can obtain one from the Advancement Manager at Mentone Girls’ Grammar School.

If you have not yet made a Will, your legal adviser can assist.

A bequest can take the form of:

- A specified amount of money
- A proportion (or whole) of an estate
- Property
- Stocks or shares
- Works of art, collections or jewellery
- The proceeds of a life insurance, annuity or trust

Providing an estimated amount of the value of your bequest is not compulsory, although it is useful for School planning purposes. We will always respect your privacy and wishes.

Bequest notification and codicil forms may also be accessed at: www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au/page/Giving/Making_a_Bequest/
PREPARING THE WORDING IN YOUR WILL

Please find below, examples of appropriate wording:

**Example One: Fixed amount bequest**

“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH a legacy in the sum of [insert amount in words] (§##) to MENTONE GIRLS’ GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION LIMITED (ACN 007 310 447) of 11 Mentone Parade, Mentone, Victoria 3194 (the Foundation) [to be applied by the Foundation in such a manner as its directors may determine*]. I declare that the receipt of a director or other authorised officer of the Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor.”

* If the testator wishes to specify a specific purpose to which the bequest is to be applied, revise accordingly. For example – “to be applied by the Foundation for the purposes of (insert the testator’s specific area of interest).”

**Example Two: Specific gift bequest**

“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH MENTONE GIRLS’ GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION LIMITED (ACN 007 310 447) of 11 Mentone Parade, Mentone, Victoria 3194 (the Foundation) [to be applied by the Foundation in such a manner as its directors may determine*] [insert description of gift – for example, “all shares registered in my name at the date of my death in (insert name of company)”. I declare that the receipt of a director or other authorised officer of the Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor.”

* If the testator wishes to specify a specific purpose to which the bequest is to be applied, revise accordingly. For example – “to be applied by the Foundation for the purposes of (insert the testator’s specific area of interest).”
Example Three: Percentage of Estate bequest

“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to MENTONE GIRLS’ GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION LIMITED (ACN 007 310 447) of 11 Mentone Parade, Mentone, Victoria 3194 (the Foundation) [for its general purposes*] (insert percentage in words and figures) percent of my estate, (after payment of all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and probate, estate or other duties payable out of my estate or in consequence of my death) free and clear of all duties. I declare that the receipt of a director or other authorised officer of the Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executor.”

* If the testator wishes to specify a specific purpose to which the bequest is to be applied, revise accordingly. For example – “to be applied by the Foundation for the purposes of (insert the testator’s specific area of interest).”

NOTE: If it is desired to leave the bequest to the School, rather than the Foundation, insert “Mentone Girls' Grammar School (ACN 004 261 527)” in place of the reference to the Foundation and replace all references to the “Foundation” with the “School”.
THE SIMPSON SOCIETY

When you make a bequest to Mentone Girls’ Grammar School, we will offer you membership to the Simpson Society named in honour of the Simpson sisters who founded the School in 1899. If you select to be part of this honorary group, you will have the opportunity to be:

- Invited to special events at the School.
- Acknowledged as a member of the Simpson Society and receive a commemorative pin.

Should you have any questions, or require further information on making a bequest, please contact:

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