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DONOR IMPACT  
REPORT 2021



# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

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**In uncertain times, there's nothing quite like loved ones and familiar people that can help us stand strong when the going gets tough.**

Communities like Wilderness provide us with a sense of camaraderie as we stand shoulder to shoulder through shared history, connection and experience.

While the past two years have been difficult for many schools, the Wilderness family has remained steadfast despite a challenging environment. Thanks to loyal supporters like you, our mission – to enable every girl to be the best she can be throughout her life – has been resolutely upheld and for that we are incredibly grateful to you.

Led by the Wilderness School Foundation's generous Board, our parents, old scholars, grandparents, students, faculty and friends made an extraordinary contribution through philanthropic gifts in 2021, demonstrating a continued belief in the mission of Wilderness School.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you, as one of the 537 generous individuals, partners and supporters in our community who together, donated over \$630,000. From the youngest to the oldest, no matter the gift size, these commitments helped create and sustain the Wilderness experience.

In 2021, one of the areas in which donors were most active was in creating opportunities for girls from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and it was heartening to see our community rally behind our scholarship program. As a result, two girls will embark upon a brand-new future in 2023 and 2024 on our new Community Entrance Scholarships.

We also continue to be grateful for those donors making a difference by funding other perpetual and recurring scholarships. For all you do to ensure our girls thrive and succeed, thank you!

When our founders envisioned The Wilderness, their mission was out of the ordinary and 'extraordinary' has always been key to our identity. In 2022, we embark upon a new Masterplan that will provide a distinctive Early Learning environment through new facilities that empower our girls to be the best they can be. However, our buildings are not just about bricks and mortar. They are about what happens inside. Our mission, in which you play a critical part, continues to be a source of inspiration for me and I trust that you also feel that same sense of purpose.

Whatever your connection to Wilderness, the investment of your time, talent and treasure does not go unnoticed. I am profoundly grateful for everything you have done and continue to do as you partner with us.



**Belinda Arnfield**

Principal







Thanks to the generosity of scholarship donors, our girls continued to further their dreams and aspirations.

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The Scholarship has not only changed the trajectory of Michelle's life, but also that of our family and future generations.

Christine Matasi

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Michelle Matasi, Creswell Year 10 Entrance Scholarship recipient.



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It gave Sachi the impetus she needed to follow her dreams and take the risks needed to achieve them.

Matt Syme

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Sachi Syme, Brown Sisters' Memorial Entrance Scholarship recipient.



## 2021 Giving Snapshot



**\$637,356**  
total donations

**609**  
total gifts



**182**  
new donors

Youngest donor  
**8**



Oldest donor  
**91**



**\$2**  
smallest donation

Highest percentage of  
alumni giving by decade  
**1980s**



**\$100,000**  
largest donation

Greatest giving by  
Old Scholar Year Group  
**Class of 1981**



### TOTAL DONATIONS BY FUND

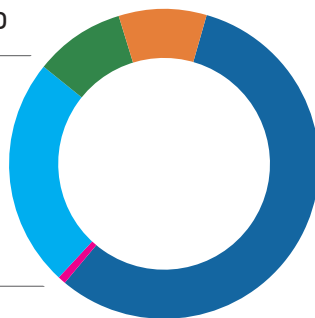
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION  
\$60,315 (gross)

FOUNDATION BUILDING FUND  
\$58,952

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND  
\$152,344

DONOR FUNDED PRIZES  
\$6,000

SCHOLARSHIPS  
\$359,745



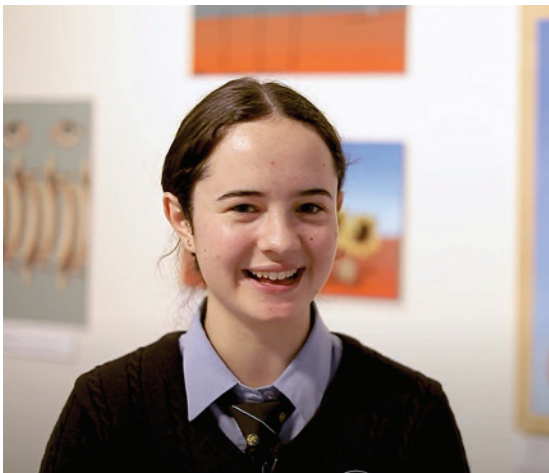
As a result of our  
community's efforts through  
our Giving Day we established  
two brand new Community  
Entrance Scholarships.

*What a difference  
a day makes*

Donor funded fellowships, prizes and grants provided our girls and staff with incredible learning and development experiences.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2021 RECIPIENTS

**Anesha Rahman** Mary Ann Matthews Fellowship  
**Himara Jayasundra** Mary Ann Matthews Fellowship  
**Tessa Moloney** Roger Masters Drama Fellowship  
**Inika Weber** Jane Danvers Foundation Prize  
**Jaclyn Wilmot** Jeffrey Kong Music Prize  
**Isabella Abbott** Clark Ross Science Prize  
**Meg Lowe** Jane Kuchel Year 11 Prize for Visual Art  
**Melissa Foster** Catherine Ye Teacher Fellowship  
**Shane Hill** Catherine Ye Teacher Fellowship





Fundraising programs and events contributed to the growth and development of teaching and learning priorities.



### FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

The Gala Dinner was the Foundation's premier event for the year, held in October at the Art Gallery of South Australia, with approximately 130 guests. With generous event partners and Sponsors, \$36,997 was raised.



### STUDENT FOUNDATION

Various fundraising initiatives contributed to the perpetuity of the Jane Danvers Foundation Prize, awarded to a girl who models ethical behaviour and channels her energy and compassion as an activist, advocate, and philanthropist for the benefit of present and future generations.



### GREEN DOOR SOCIETY



We included the School in our Will because we want to ensure that future generations have great facilities.

Stephen and Kay English



We are grateful for your contribution in 2021 and look forward to your continued support in 2022 and beyond.

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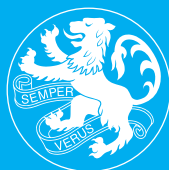


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