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A YEAR TO CELEBRATE

Shane Hogan, Principal

Our theme of 'celebrate' is most appropriate for this edition of *The Soubeiran* as we celebrate Kambala's 130 Year Anniversary, this year.

In 1887, Kambala's first Principal, Miss Louisa Gurney, conducted her first class with just 12 students from a residence in Woollahra called Fern Bank. In 1891 Mlle Augustine Soubeiran became Co-Principal and, as the School grew and prospered, it relocated to a property in Bellevue Hill called Kambala. Finally, in 1913, the School moved to the site on which we now stand – a property then known as Tivoli Estate.

There have been 12 Principals since the School was founded, and I was delighted earlier this year to join these educators and have the privilege of becoming Principal at this great School. I look forward to bringing my experience and passion for education to Kambala, and am excited to continue to build strong and vibrant relationships with all areas of our community.

This past year has been filled with many joyous and celebratory events involving the whole community. Earlier in the year, the inaugural KPA Sports Luncheon (organised by parents and the School) was a huge success, raising funds for sports facilities and equipment for our young women. More recently, several events took place to mark our anniversary, including a wonderful morning tea on the Oval where one of our senior Old Girls Noreen (Dumbarton) Scott '45 cut cake with two of our youngest Preparatory students, Giselle Steele and Peyton Tiong.

The Senior School enjoyed a fantastic Music concert performed by our talented students and staff, followed by a day at Luna Park. Junior School families gathered on the Tivoli Lawn to enjoy a picnic and family time at a Cinema Under the Stars event.

The 2017 cohort is an outstanding group of young women. They have led the School through a year of change and have done so in a manner associated with Kambala girls – demonstrating humanity, courage, wonder and respect. We wish the Class of 2017 all the best as they move into life beyond Kambala.



Shane Hogan (right) at Kambala's 130 Year Anniversary Morning Tea accompanied by (left to right) Old Girl Noreen (Dumbarton) Scott '45, Giselle Steele and Peyton Tiong.

This year has also given me the opportunity to assemble and grow a leadership team who share the passion of realising our vision for the School and empowering the young women in our care. Kambala's School Council and staff have developed a forward-looking strategic plan to ensure our tradition of academic excellence is offered to each and every student. We aim to balance academic excellence with a strong pastoral care program that builds resilience and inspires a genuine passion for learning, for our students.

As one year ends and with the new year on the horizon, I look forward to building a long and happy relationship with the Kambala community.

YALARI VALEDICTORIAN 2017

Shane Hogan, Principal

For six years now, Kambala has partnered with the Yalari organisation in support of their mission to educate and empower Indigenous children. We share Yalari's belief that 'education is the key to generational change and a brighter future for Indigenous children'.

As a Yalari school, we gain so much from getting to know this vibrant group of young Indigenous women who are proud and eager to share their cultures with others, and who have big plans for their futures and their communities. In return, the girls have access to the wealth of opportunity built into a Kambala education, and gain the invaluable experience of living outside of their regional and remote communities.

The diversity, richness of culture and warmth of spirit that our Yalari girls add to Kambala is something that we must nurture and grow to amplify the positives of this mutually beneficial relationship.

The School Council recently endorsed the Kambala Indigenous Bursary program to formalise Kambala's commitment to supporting young Indigenous women and offer them the opportunity to be inspired to be outstanding young leaders in society.

This year, our first Yalari graduate, Shanelle (Nellie) Smith, was made Yalari Valedictorian. This is a huge achievement as there are hundreds of Yalari students at boarding schools across Australia. Nellie was selected for this honour in recognition of the impact she has made on the Kambala community, her Yalari peers and the Yalari organisation itself.

We spoke with Nellie about her experience here at Kambala and the Yalari program.

What do you think is the most valuable aspect of you being here at Kambala?

"As Indigenous students living and studying in this part of Sydney, we bring to the community a range of unique perspectives and a rich cultural offering that it might not otherwise be exposed to. The fact that we are here means that students, staff and parents get to learn more about Indigenous culture."

How has Yalari supported you throughout your time here?

"We get to go on yearly camps with other Yalari students, which is always great fun. It's great to meet people on the same journey. The SSOs come to visit and check in with us, which is also very helpful."



1. Yalari students. From left: Taleyah Hippi, Esther Knowles, Monique Laurie, Shanelle (Nellie) Smith and Kiara Sutton. Absent: Kayla Baker.

2. Esther Knowles, Shanelle (Nellie) Smith, Monique Laurie, Shane Hogan, Kiara Sutton and Taleyah Hippi. Absent: Kayla Baker.

Through Yalari, I got to learn more about other Indigenous cultures around Australia, showing how unique our cultures are. Overall, Yalari has really helped us to broaden our horizons."

What do you see as the key benefits of the Yalari program at Kambala?

"I've been able to meet new best friends. If I was back home, I'd stick to my small community, but here, I've connected with new people, shared my culture and my mind has opened up more. You get more opportunities here; you start to see things differently; your horizons broaden. The education is at a high level and it makes you more confident within yourself and your ability to speak with people proudly. In our culture, confidence isn't always a big thing – people are very shy. Comparing Year 7 to now, I can observe that I no longer close myself off to people."

What is one piece of advice you would like to give all the Yalari students who will start in Year 7 next year?

"Be confident, and take every opportunity you get. Be yourself. Come into it with an open mind. It's going to be hard, you're going to struggle. If you can get through the first year, you can make friends with everyone."

FACES OF KAMBALA

Marie White

There is so much to celebrate here at Kambala. Our outstanding teaching community. Our curious Massie and Junior girls. Our confident and kind Senior girls. Not to mention the stunning location and harbour view! Our community is supported by a network of professional and welcoming Reception staff who are usually parents' and visitors' first impression of the School. Here, we get to meet some of the faces of Kambala.

Lorraine Zelinka

Hampshire House Receptionist, Lorraine Zelinka, worked in the Kambala Business Office for several years before moving across to Hampshire House in 2016.

Of her own school experience, Lorraine recounts, "I have fond memories of my independent school days in New Zealand. Working in Hampshire House reminded me how much fun learning is and, in turn, inspired me to undertake my Certificate III in Early Childhood Education, which I'll complete by the end of 2017."

"I find my role extremely rewarding as I greet the children each day and get to see them grow and flourish throughout the year."

When asked what makes her proud of Kambala girls, Lorraine observes, "I commute daily, and it always gives me a sense of pride when I see our girls behaving in a polite and respectful manner to fellow commuters. The girls consistently act with respect towards one another and to Kambala staff. It's a wonderful environment to work in."



Ellie Styles

PA to the Dean of Wellbeing and Massie Receptionist, Ellie Styles, has been working at Kambala for just over a year. However, her relationship with the School goes back much further as she is an Old Girl from the Class of '89. Ellie and her sisters were boarders at Kambala during the 80s and her daughter, Jessie, is now a Kambala girl herself.

Situated at Massie House reception, Ellie says, "Being surrounded by four to eight year olds every day is a delight. I love their honesty and genuine concern for others. I also love that they believe I am 35 years old!"

Aside from its spectacular location, Ellie believes a feature unique to Kambala girls is their thoughtfulness.

"Recently my daughter played her final game of the season in IGSSA Year 7 Netball. Year 10 girls arrived for the game and cheered on the Year 7 team like it was a Grand Final! They even made a human tunnel which my daughter ran through, post-match. The Year 7 team didn't win their game but were made to feel like champions nonetheless."

1. Hampshire House Receptionist, Lorraine Zelinka.

2. PA to the Dean of Wellbeing and Massie Receptionist, Ellie Styles.





3. Head of Junior School, Stuart Coppin, Junior School Receptionist, Cath Scott, with her daughter Lucy and Mary (Cowan) Dack '88.

4. Senior Receptionist, Gail Kohan.

Cath Scott

Junior School Receptionist, Cath Scott, has worked at Kambala for six years. Although she is the friendly face that welcomes our Junior girls each day, Cath started off in Massie for three years before moving across the Tivoli Lawn to the Junior School.

Cath has a history that goes beyond her employment at Kambala.

"I am an Old Girl myself and my daughter Lucy, has been at the School since Prep," Cath said. "The Kambala community is dedicated and caring. Many Old Girls send their daughters here, which speaks volumes about the connection to this 'Fair Hill of Flowers'."

When asked what brought her back, Cath explains, "The girls are so excited about all things Kambala and it reminds me of how much I enjoyed my time here – which is probably why I jumped at the opportunity to be part of it again! In addition, I really enjoy working with a dedicated group of teachers who care for the girls beyond the classroom. The girls are very fortunate."

"I love the way the girls give back at such a young age. I am inundated with their charity fundraising requests! They organise their own bake sales, guessing competitions, and mufti days. They promote and run these fundraisers often unaided, creating posters, making announcements in assembly, counting the money. To me, it demonstrates that our girls have an appreciation for the world beyond the Tivoli Gates."



Gail Kohan

Senior School Receptionist, Gail Kohan, has worked at Kambala for 11 years. "I originally came to work for a year only," says Gail, "but I loved it so much I haven't got around to leaving!"

Gail's two daughters are both proud Kambala girls. Her eldest, Sarah, graduated in 2011 and her youngest daughter, Olivia, is a current Year 11 student and Head Prefect 2017/2018.

When asked what she loves about her role, Gail explains, "Pretty much everything but – above all – our girls. It's a pleasure to get to know the Senior girls and be able to help them, where I can. I believe Kambala girls are truly special as they have a passion for learning, whilst having fun."

"I also love how the girls support and care for one other and am always impressed by the huge amount of work they do for charity. We recently celebrated NAIDOC week at the School and it was a delight to see the girls participating with such enthusiasm."

A YEAR OF SPORTING GREATNESS

Kath Sambell

Kambala students have a passion and enthusiasm for sport and our girls continued in their pursuit of excellence in 2017. The 130 Year Anniversary of Kambala was definitely a year of celebration in sport.

A number of teams and individuals achieved great results throughout the year with many highlights at state, national and international level. Our girls are dedicated and hard working and they continue to strive for success across a wide range of sports.

Two girls created history for Kambala by representing Australia in their chosen sport as the School has not had two national representatives in the one year before. Julia Bradley (Year 11) gained selection in the School Sport Australia (SSA) Hockey team for the second year in a row, touring Europe and playing test matches in Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Zanna Farrell (Year 12) was the first Australian representative to be invited by the Australian Olympic Committee to compete in Alpine events at the Asian Games in Japan.

Lulu Miskin (Year 10) became the Under 16 National Champion in Cross Country Skiing. Water Polo players Coco Welch (Year 10), Charlotte Hughes (Year 9) and Sidney Mahr (Year 10) won the Under 16 national championships. Mela Delmenico (Year 9) will represent NSW in Swimming at the Pacific Schools Games. Charlotte Hughes (Year 9) broke the breaststroke record of Olympian Judy Playfair, set in 1968, and went on to receive a medal at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. Charlotte McGill (Year 10) placed third in Australia in triple jump, broke the NSW Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) record and won the triple jump and long jump in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships. She will represent NSW at the SSA championships.

The Tildesley Shield Tennis team was outstanding in the 99th year of this prestigious competition, finishing fourth overall. The top performances of the team included Claudia Freer (Year 9), reaching the fourth round of singles, and fellow singles players Catherine Zhu (Year 9), Olivia Stark (Year 8) and Esme Irvine (Year 8) reaching the third round. All doubles pairings won their first round of matches with Sabrina Mann/Daisy Berryman (Year 12) reaching the third round. Ciara Macken (Year 11)/Savanah Gillies (Year 10), who played together for the first time, were the best performers. The pairing reached the quarter finals, placing them in the top eight of 120 doubles pairs.



The pinnacle of sport for the Senior School girls is to gain selection in Senior A teams. These teams did exceptionally well playing at the top level in 2017. Senior A Hockey won the Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) competition, the Touch team retained the Pillinger Cup and our Basketball and Netball teams were runners-up.

The introduction of Kambala Netball into the Randwick Netball Association was a great success with five teams playing two terms of Netball in this competition. The Intermediate team was dominant in its division, quickly moving to Division 1 in which the girls were very competitive.

The Junior School students were not to be outdone on the sporting field by their Senior School counterparts. Year 3 girls began their foray into competitive sport, playing against local schools in Basketball, Soccer, Netball and Minkey. In Year 4, the teams moved into the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) program, playing against schools across the metropolitan area of Sydney. Representative honours were achieved by Junior School girls in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. Matilda Wilmer (Year 4) competed at the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Cross Country Championships and five students gained selection in the NSWCIS team to compete at the PSSA Athletics Championships. Kambala record holder, Grace Hyder (Year 5) competed in the discus and the senior relay team, of Rio Wright, Ava Kuehn, Taliah Strang and Katie Porteous (Year 6), won the NSWCIS to progress to state. Ava Kuehn and Katie Porteous (Year 6) were named as shadows for the NSWCIS Touch team in Kambala's first year at the trials.

The Kambala Snowsports team received the NSW Outstanding Achievement of the Year at the Australian Ski and Snowboard Awards. Twenty-two girls, from Kindergarten to Year 12, progressed to the national championships at Mt Buller. The Division 1 Alpine team won the national championships for the third year in a row. Year 12 students, Zanna Farrell and Sophie Heron were keen to win Gold in their final race along with their Year 11 teammates, Daisy Cobcroft and Daniela Zarfati in what proved to be the perfect ending for this stellar team.

Kambala's inaugural Sports Luncheon took place on Friday 16 June. Over 300 parents, Old Girls, staff and friends of the School filled the Grand Ballroom at the InterContinental in Double Bay for an afternoon



of celebration. There was a buzz of excitement in the air. The organising committee of parents and staff did an amazing job securing members of the Australian Rugby Union team as speakers. The Senior girls in attendance were particularly inspired by the Women's Rugby Sevens Gold medallists from the Rio Olympics. Spirited bidding on auction items ensured that much needed money was raised for our girls to continue their sporting journeys. More than \$100,000 was raised from the event and the funds have been earmarked to build changeroom facilities so the girls can continue to train onsite. These funds are vital to the continued improvement of the sports' experience of present and future Kambala students.

Success can also be measured by the passion and commitment expressed by those participating in sport. Kambala has always had high levels of participation in Swimming and Athletics Carnivals due to the girls' unflagging house spirit and desire to earn house points. That said, a final highlight of 2017 was the Year 12 girl who stood on stage and said that one of the greatest moments of her life at Kambala had been the day she won a third-place ribbon at the Senior Athletics Carnival.



1. Jordan Assef, Zac Teen, Matilda Herring and Olivia Payne warming up for the 200m at the Senior School Athletics Carnival.

2. Kambala sporting team representatives at the inaugural Sports Luncheon.

3. House spirit – Katharina Arms (Gurney) and Lily Nason (Roseby).

4. NSW CIS Relay Champions – Rio Wright, Taliah Strang, Katie Porteous and Ava Kuehn.

5. Australian Alpine Champions – Zanna Farrell, Daniela Zarfati, Daisy Cobcroft and Sophie Heron.

6. Julia Bradley, School Sport Australia Hockey Representative.

WICKED CELEBRATION OF DRAMA

Lisa Moir

Kambala's production of *Wicked* was the perfect way to celebrate our 130 years; a magnificent celebration of the combined talents of our incredible students performing one of the most popular musicals in the world. The finished performances surpassed all expectations and were a dazzling reward for the seven months of hard work spent in rehearsals.

Audience members were stunned by the professionalism of the production. Standing ovations were given each night to celebrate the excellence of both the performers and the spectacular music played by the very talented Kambala musicians. Many cast and crew members spoke of the musical being the "best experience of their life". A wonderful group of parents were also responsible for the success of this spectacular production and their input was greatly appreciated.

What our students said

"Over the seven months of *Wicked* rehearsals and performances I learnt many lessons, made memories and created friendships to last a lifetime. It was a dream come true to be able to play one of the most challenging and well known musical theatre roles in the school world premiere of *Wicked*, under the direction of Helen Dallimore. The support from the Music and Drama Departments in training the cast and orchestra was instrumental to the success of the production. It was thanks to their hard work and dedication that we put on such a 'wicked' performance that 'defied gravity'!"

Jessica Zylstra – *Elphaba*

"My involvement in this amazing production of *Wicked* has been the most exhilarating experience of my life. We all owe much credit to Mark Grandison, our fabulous conductor who taught the chorus, the orchestra and conducted each night and also the wonderful work of singing teacher, Toni Powell, who helped develop our voices so that we could sing these difficult songs with ease."

Emma Grandison – *Galinda*

"Being a part of *Wicked* stretched my capabilities, and because of the constant support of the company, I was able to perform the lead role of Elphaba with great confidence. I feel so privileged to have worked with such talented and professional people."

Claudia Chen – *Elphaba Understudy*



1. The Emerald City Ensemble mid-song.

2. Principal actors Jessica Zylstra, Taite Moir, Emma Grandison and Anastasia Karageorge relaxing backstage before a show.

"*Wicked* was the most incredible experience of my life. Working with Helen Dallimore was so rewarding in terms of my acting and singing – which improved so much. After spending months together, the cast members have all become friends for life – we are a family."

Livvy Herman – *Galinda Understudy*

"*Wicked* was without a doubt one of the best experiences of my life. As a stage manager, I learned about the immense importance of work behind the scenes to make a production run smoothly and look so flawless on stage! My experience inspired me to look into possible career paths in the theatre and provided me with lifelong memories that I will cherish."

Natasha Redhill – *Stage Manager*

WICKED – A FOCUS ON MUSIC

Mark Grandison

Whilst Kambala's Music Department has developed a reputation for pushing students to ever-higher limits, 2017 reached unscaled heights, largely due to the School's world premiere of *Wicked*. With musical demands notoriously challenging – even for professional musicians – the task was daunting. In fact, in the early days of Term 1 it loomed as seemingly impossible to achieve; yet through hours of determined work, personal sacrifice and passion, the young musicians transcended everyone's expectations – even their own!

The vocalists had their work cut out for them with extremely demanding roles for the principal singers as well as complex choral numbers. The cast of approximately 25 (including eight boys from local schools) approached the task with vigour and energy during choral rehearsals two nights each week with conductor, Mark Grandison, and our indefatigable accompanist, Catherine McKay.

The musical insights and technical advice from vocal coach, Toni Powell, were invaluable to so many individuals. A surprisingly mature, finessed and, at times, electrifying choral sound developed. A wonderful spirit of camaraderie grew amongst the chorus, and girls ostensibly in the production for their love of choreography got swept up and became choir members with gusto.

Then there was the formidable orchestral score that sets scenes, accompanies singing, or underscores dialogue for 85 percent of the musical – no rest for the wicked in the pit! The temptation to do what most schools do – employ professionals for the major parts – was resisted. Astonishingly, the orchestra of Years 7 to 12 executed this score with a professionalism, nuance and sophistication that exceeded their age and experience.

After months of rehearsing independently, the moment came when the orchestra and chorus first converged. The *sitzprobe* had the potential to be unsettling and musically incoherent. Instead, the two forces complemented and energised each other, leading to a whole greater than the sum of all parts. By the time the orchestra was set in the pit, the characters and singers were in costume, the stage lit brilliantly, the music became what it should be, seamless and integrated, supporting the dramatic development of the story with unobtrusive assurance and naturalness.

The music staff involved in this production could not be prouder of the students. Just how good can these girls get?



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1. The alternative cast members take their curtain call.

2. The monkeys get their wings.

3. Felix Parker from Sydney Grammar as The Wizard.

4. The ensemble performing *What Is This Feeling*.

MASSIE ART SHOW

Stuart Coppin

The halls of Massie House were adorned with the beautiful artworks of our youngest learners from Prep to Year 2 on the evening of Thursday 26 October.

Drawing inspiration from Van Gogh to Kandinsky, as well as Olsen and Monet, an appreciation of art and aesthetics has been beautifully cultivated by our resident Art Specialist, Mrs Ruth Wood. The girls have created many amazing artworks this year during their weekly Art sessions and the art show was the perfect occasion to showcase their stunning creations.

The girls' works in portraiture, landscapes, sculpture and printmaking were all on display for parents and friends of Kambala to enjoy. Every year, our art show guests are blown away by the high standard of work on display, and 2017 was no different.

Mrs Wood takes our budding artists and ignites their creative sparks, often inspired by our stunning harbourside surrounds and vistas. Throughout the year, Massie students have ventured out of the Kambala environment to attend exhibitions and unique geographical spaces for inspiration, including an excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW.

Our Massie Art program focuses on adding to the well-roundedness of each girl, inspiring her to aim for personal excellence in all of her pursuits. Girls learn a range of art forms at a young age, enabling the development of an appreciation for aesthetics and allowing for the exploration of already vibrant imaginations.

Picasso once said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up" – and never a truer phase was uttered and acknowledged here at Kambala.

Prep U: What was your favourite part of the Massie Art Show?

"My favourite part was painting my butterflies. I painted them pink, blue and yellow." – Capri Kontopos

"I got to sing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*". – Sasha Lincoln-Smith

"I learned how to paint flowers". – Angelique Rovolas

"I made an owl. My mummy and daddy and sister and some of my family came to the art show – they were proud of me." – Lily Mei Yee Longmuir

"I made pink flowers out of clay." – Camille Stevens

"I love that I learn to make lots of things. I made an owl and butterflies." – Valentina Hercus





1. Pop Art portraits by Transition students.

2. Alexa Zachariah and her mother admiring Year 1 Fireworks in mixed media.

3. Under the Sea paintings in ink and acrylic paints.

4 and 5. Decorated dolls made by Prep students.

6. Fruit bowl sculptures in plasticine.

7 and 8. Terracotta clay sunflowers made by Transition students.

9. Sunset Silhouettes by Year 2 students.

10. Pop Art portraits.

11. Fireworks sculptures.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Stuart Coppin

On the evening of Saturday 11 November, hundreds of families descended on Kambala's Tivoli Lawn for our inaugural Cinema Under the Stars event, celebrating the School's 130 Year Anniversary. Our first Cinema Under the Stars, a joint initiative of the Junior School and our Events and Marketing teams, was a joyous celebration of the strong community engagement and support that we enjoy at Kambala – not to mention the beautiful environment that we are privy to every day.

Junior School students had the opportunity to vote for their preferred feature film to be played at the event. *Boss Baby* won in a hotly contested vote by the girls. Anticipation built as the sun began to set over the harbour in the early evening, with families revelling in the chance to experience on a very relaxed occasion on the Tivoli Lawn.

As the sun set, the movie began and this was complemented by ample servings of popcorn and gelato. It was lovely to see our newly elected Junior School Prefect Executive team who supported the event, helping to serve the treats, and making sure our guests felt welcome and comfortable.

With picnic rugs in place and hampers at the ready, an evening of entertainment was beautifully set against the stunning backdrop of Sydney Harbour, with many a parent heard commenting, "This rivals Mrs Macquarie's Chair any day!"

I was delighted by the turnout of parents and girls. I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in making the event a success.

1. Year 2S students Amelia Kroehnert, Claudia Rose, Sarah Tay and Deeana Cheong Foo get comfortable.

2. The sun sets as the film begins.

3. Guests arrive and set up their picnics as the sun goes down.



JUNIOR SCHOOL: YEAR IN REVIEW



1. Girls having fun at the Massie Sports Carnival.
2. Year 3/4 Father Daughter Breakfast: (from left) Lily Fell and Mr Fell, Ella Wyle, Morrison Elliot and Mr Elliot, Kate Jensen and Isabella Hupfau.
3. Massie Sports Carnival: Ms Susan Kinninmont with Massie Wentworth girls.
4. Year 3/4 Father Daughter Breakfast: Eleanor Humphrey and Mr Humphrey.
5. Year 3/4 Father Daughter Breakfast: Kate Jensen and Mr Jensen, Tara Hinksman and Mr Hinksman.
6. Junior School friends: Ava Charalambous, Amelia Argyrides, Cara Charalambous and Emily Dack.
7. The 2017 Junior Gymnastics team.
8. Junior Science Club: Giselle Overton, Ashley Mirzikinian and Antonia Stavropoulos.
9. Junior Science Club: Margot Hindmarson, Neve Mortimer and Minorah Curtis.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ART AND STEM

Ruth Wood and Andrew Story

This year, Junior School students immersed themselves in the world of Art and STEM thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our dedicated staff who strive to whet the appetite of students in this domain. Here, Ruth Wood (Massie House Arts Teacher) and Andrew Story (Years 3 to 6 STEM Teacher) share why.

Ruth Wood

All children are capable and creative beings. The implementation of the Visual Arts program in Massie House reflects this. Activities and experiences that immerse the girls in opportunities to develop and achieve their potential is a vital aspect of learning.

There is always something to celebrate in Massie Visual Arts lessons. The Prep girls are eager to visit the Visual Arts table where they complete activities designed to enhance fine motor skills, observation, concentration and creativity. Transition classes are often so focused on their art-making you can hear a pin drop! Year 1 students observe demonstrations of techniques across different mediums and include these in their artworks. The Year 2 girls are experimental with media and bring unique ideas to their art-making.

Completing an artwork – whether a drawing, painting, sculpture, collage or ceramic piece – provides each individual with a sense of achievement. During this process, a student has made several decisions. They have considered their creation, how to approach the task of creating it and what materials and techniques will be utilised. This process requires students to problem-solve and apply decision-making and analytical skills.

For me, every day is a celebration, having the opportunity to implement a Visual Arts program to such an enthusiastic and unique group of girls.

Andrew Story

Years 3 to 6 participate in fortnightly STEM classes for Stage 2, and weekly for Stage 3. Similar to Art, STEM lessons are hands-on and allow the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in a creative and student-directed way. The past year has seen older girls develop projects based on individual interest, integrating STEM principles into tie dye making, cooking, fashion design and coding – to name a few.

During STEM Week in Term 3, lunchtime engineering competitions took place. The challenge was to make the highest weight-bearing tower made of spaghetti and marshmallows. Inevitably, this became a fun and sticky mess!



1. Paper weaving by Year 2 students.
2. Prep students produced some amazing collages.
3. Matina Theodorou (Year 6) in a coding and robotics STEM lesson.
4. Multimedia landscapes.

Year 5 girls benefited greatly from a full day Claymation incursion, combining clay modelling, storytelling and digital technologies with some quirky humour.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH: TRADITION OF SUCCESS

Sebastien Knox

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary self-development program that encourages participants aged 14 and above to develop their potential in a number of areas, while seeking experiences that are tailored to their own passions and interests. Kambala has grown to become one of the largest Award Units in Australia. In 2017, we celebrated the success of more than 50 Kambala girls completing various levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Congratulations to our Year 12 girls listed below, each of whom were awarded the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2017.

- ◆ Imogen Scott L'Estrange, who volunteered in the School library and honed her skills on the violin in preparation for the Music Festival.
- ◆ Poppy Phillip, who completed her qualifying hike on the Overland Track in Tasmania and volunteered as a surf lifesaver.
- ◆ Eezu Tan, who won the NSW 'Dukefest' video competition by combining her interests in both marketing and filmmaking.
- ◆ Bridget Theophile, who completed her residential project at the Galston Crusaders' Conference Centre.
- ◆ Mirella Carr, who completed her adventurous journey, bushwalking around Camp Somerset on the Colo River.
- ◆ Annie Shulin Ma, who completed the Overland Track and volunteered at the Salvation Army store in Bondi Junction.
- ◆ Kristen Lazarus, who completed her service by volunteering at a local community garden.
- ◆ Tayla Slater, who completed the Overland Track and demonstrated her progress in the skill component by completing her HSC Music recital in Term 3.
- ◆ Sasha Wynne, who featured in Kambala's Senior Netball team and volunteered as a teacher's assistant at the School.
- ◆ Lily Kutena, who became one of the Holdsworth Centre's longest serving school volunteers in 2017.

A key component of the Award is the Adventurous Journey. Students undertaking each level must complete both a practice and qualifying journey. Term 3 saw more than 35 Year 9 girls use their camp to the Royal National Park and the south coast to qualify for the Bronze Award. The girls began their Duke of Edinburgh experience by hiking, canoeing, stand-up paddle-boarding and abseiling around the south coast. Many girls now have plans to complete adventurous journeys further afield for their Silver Award next year.



1. Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh participants on the descent to Garie Beach in the Royal National Park.

2. Year 9 girls hiking across Garie Beach.

3. Year 9 Camp group, looking south across North Era beach towards Wollongong.

4. Year 9 girls navigating in teams in the Royal National Park.

A final word of thanks must be extended to all of the Kambala staff who have supervised our students in completing the Award sections this year. I look forward to watching many more Kambala girls progress towards Gold in 2018.

THE IB EXPERIENCE

Carolyn Gedling

It is time to bid farewell to our Year 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme cohort. They have been an energetic and determined group of students who have left an undeniable mark on Kambala, setting examples that will be a challenge for others to follow. Year 11 IB students are now looking to Year 12s for advice on how best to manage their final year of the IB experience. I look forward to hearing their advice from the student perspective. In turn, the current Year 11 IB students will be advising next year's cohort, with student numbers in the mid to high twenties. This growth in the program is unprecedented and very exciting for 2018 and beyond.

Below is an extract from an article written by Camille Do (Year 11 IB student).

On 6 September 2017, a group of IB Kambala girls found themselves in Town Hall, face-to-face with some of Australia's greatest achievers, dreamers and advocates between the ages of 16 and 26 at the TedxYouth@Sydney Conference 2017. Nothing could have prepared us for the talent and inspiration we were about to experience as the red stage lit up. A range of talented musicians came close to outshining some of the speakers themselves, including an Organ Scholar at St Andrew's, Titus Grenyer, the young Indigenous musician, Emily Wurramara, as well as a Melbourne beat-maker, guitarist and vocalist, Alicy Ivy. We enjoyed hearing talks covering topics from martial arts and the art of horror films to future design and aeronautical drone engineering. However, the standouts for us came down to three speakers: Tilly Lawless, Macinley Butson and Chris Leben.

There were speakers our own age, including 16-year old inventor and the first Australian to win first place at the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair, Macinley Butson. Her copper Smart Armour device is able to block approximately 80 percent of harmful radiation that reaches the non-treated breast during treatment. I can safely say we were all sitting with our mouths hanging open in awe and disbelief at her achievements! It was so inspiring to see that amazing things could be achieved no matter what age and that big problems could be solved with simple solutions.



1. Some of Kambala's current Year 11 and 12 IB Diploma Programme students.
2. Sydney based musician, Sam Mc Mahon at TEDx Youth in Sydney.

The day ended with a hilarious piece by Chris Leben, one of the creators behind famous TV personality and viral hit, Lee Lin Chin, who ended the conference on a high note.

Overall, the experience was everything we had expected – from heartbreaking to hilarious – and will leave an impression on our minds and future. The big takeaway for me was that we have nothing to lose from trying, we have so much time ahead of us to fail, and every 'failure' is just a step towards success. Who knows what we could do? We are all capable of making such a difference.

SENIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATES 130 YEARS

Olivia Kohan

The 130 Year Anniversary of our beautiful school was undoubtedly one of the most memorable weeks of my time at Kambala. The anniversary celebrations could not have been more special – we enjoyed cake, dancing and plenty of fun and laughter.

The festivities kicked off on Tuesday 10 October with a fun Kahoot quiz during assembly, with each Tutorial Group battling it out to answer questions about the history of Kambala. This was followed by a large celebration on the oval which saw the Kambala community come together. Kambala staff and girls from Massie House to Year 12, shared this significant occasion in our School's history over speeches and a giant cake. Mr Hogan gave a stirring address, reminding us of the humble beginnings of our School. In 1887, Kambala's founding class was made up of just 12 students – a stark difference to today's student body of 988 students. To mark the occasion, Kambala Old Girl Noreen (Dumbarton) Scott '45, and the youngest two Massie girls came together to cut the massive cake while the Kambala community cheered them on. A 130 Year Anniversary pin was presented to all in attendance. It was a truly memorable day for the proud generations of the Kambala community.

The Senior School continued the celebrations on Friday 13 October. Despite this auspicious date, we enjoyed a thoroughly fun-filled day that many of us will remember fondly for years to come. In surprisingly high spirits at 8.20am, the Senior girls gathered in the hall, bubbling with excitement to see a rock concert, featuring students from each year group as well as some rock star teachers. Witnessing our teachers groove along to *I Feel Good* was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed dancing along. As more and more students filled the hall, we became so immersed in the music and dancing that we had to remind ourselves that we were still at school and not a concert.

The fun did not stop there, though. Following the concert, we made our way to the Rose Bay pier, causing a stir in the local community along the way. Girls handed out yellow roses to shop owners and other members of the community, to let them know about the School's special anniversary celebration and brighten their day.

We rode the ferry to Luna Park, where we enjoyed hours of fun on our favourite rides in the sunshine. The thrilling crowd favourite, 'Wild Mouse' was a load of laughs and we were excited to see our Principal, Mr Hogan give it a go. My all-time favourite, 'Tango Train' had everyone



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1. The Senior girls rock band performing in Alexander Hall.
2. Senior girls at Luna Park (from left) Sophie Visvis, Taite Moir, Laura Angles, Olivia Kohan and Aspen Morgan.
3. Senior girls, Kiara Sutton and Monique Laurie outside Luna Park.
4. Kambala's 130 Year Anniversary Cake. 1,300 slices were distributed to staff and students at the celebratory morning tea.

in stitches, with many lining up for a second ride. It was wonderful to see Kambala bring joy and enthusiasm to Luna Park; it was a celebration none of us will forget. I can proudly say that I am a Kambala girl and have been so fortunate to spend the 130 Year Anniversary with such an incredible community.

KAMBALA'S 130 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Kathryn Hillier



1896

Kambala's A tennis team consisting of Pearl King, Elsie Thomas, Nancy King and Minnie Fuller, played against Ascham and were victorious by 22 games.

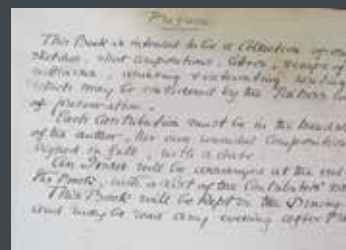
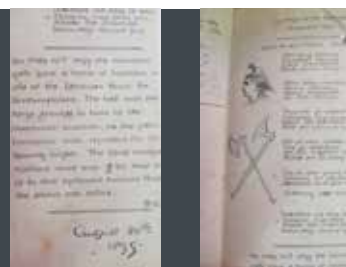


1887

Louisa Gurney and Mlle Augustine Soubeiran established a school at Fern Bank, Woollahra.



Kambala Old Girls' Union is convened.



1899

The first school magazine, *The Kambala Chronicle*, looked very different to today's *The Soubeiran*.



1910

The school uniform over 100 years ago.



1914

New Principals, Minnie and Clara Roseby, begin at Kambala.



1913

Kambala moves to Tivoli, Rose Bay. Sketch of Tivoli by Gwynne Thomas, 1967.



1921

The badge and hat band are listed in the uniform list.



1923

First prize distribution as Kambala Foundation School.



1924

Esto Sol Testis is adopted as the School's motto.



Kambala became a Foundation School and the Annual Prize Distribution tradition was established.



1927

Flora Aimee Stewart became Principal following the departure of Clara Roseby. There were 97 girls enrolled, increasing to 186 in 1930.



1966

Joyce Gibbons was appointed Principal.



1999

Roderick West was appointed as Acting Principal.



1933

Fifi Hawthorne was appointed Principal and made Patron of the Old Girls' Union.



1933 House badge designs have not changed since 1933.



1985

Barbara Monk was appointed Principal.



2000

Margaret White was appointed Principal.



1937

Student, Beatrice Peel, looks smart in the Kambala uniform during Kambala's Jubilee Year.



1987

Peter Moxham was appointed as Acting Principal and then Principal in 1988.



2014

Debra Kelliher was appointed Principal.



1937

EJ Watt Building constructed.



1988

Inaugural Junior School Music Camp.



2017

Kambala celebrates its 130 Year Anniversary and Shane Hogan is appointed Principal.

REFLECTIONS FROM HEAD PREFECT AND HEAD BOARDER

Angelina Lockley and Annie Shulin Ma

Kambala's prefects play a pivotal role in the day-to-day life of the School and their fellow students. Head Prefect for 2016/2017, Angelina Lockley, and Head Boarder, Annie Shulin Ma, share some of the highlights from this year.

Angelina Lockley, Head Prefect 2016/2017

As we celebrate Kambala's 130 Year Anniversary, it seems only fitting that 2017 has been another extraordinary year filled with amazing feats. On the sporting field, we saw an outstanding display of determination in the swimming and athletics carnivals. We witnessed incredible commitment to our Music Festival and Theatresports, and showcased the remarkable talent and hard work of staff, students and parents in this year's musical, *Wicked*. This year also saw the success of Debating, Art, and Wellbeing Week with new heights reached in reducing our environmental footprint and our fundraising records.

These incredible achievements have only been possible due to the continued support and inclusiveness of the entire Kambala community, because 'behind every successful woman is a tribe of successful women who have her back'. Even though Women Supporting Women only recently became our motto for this year, the reality is that Kambala girls have always assisted and encouraged each other.

It is important to recognise that the success of this year would also not have been possible without the continual hard work and support of our amazing staff. We also thank Mr Hogan, Principal, for being so warm and accepting of us as he took on his new role.

Those of us graduating this year will be forever grateful for the incredible opportunities we have been given, the extraordinary talents we have developed and, above all, the strong friendships we formed during our school days.

Annie Shulin Ma, Head Boarder 2016/2017

This has been a year marked by fun, challenge and reward as each and every girl strived to achieve her best. The sisterhood within both Tivoli and Fernbank is stronger than ever.

I am proud to come from a long line of sisterhood, stretching 130 years. Each Kambala student is unique and diverse in her own way, yet we always support each other and create a welcoming community



1. Annie Shulin Ma (front row, left) and Angelina Lockley (front row, right) and 2016/2017 Kambala Prefects.

2. Annie Shulin Ma (front row, left) and fellow Year 12 boarders on the steps of Tivoli.

3. From left: Annie Shulin Ma, Jessica Attenborough, Angelina Lockley, Amelia Ferguson.

away from home. Although the support offered by Kambala has been unparalleled, we do expect some challenges as we adjust to living away from our families and friends and enter a community comprised of people we have never met. However, if it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you. And in boarding, we have learned one of the most valuable lessons in life: resilience. Like siblings, we sometimes squabble, but mostly we love each other fiercely and protect each other in times of hardship.



KAMBALA OLD GIRLS
COMMUNICATE | CONNECT | CELEBRATE

Photo courtesy of Miss Hawthorne's scrapbook: Cheering at School Sports 1933.

Back row: Ruth (Walker) Dodshon '42, Diana Gibson '42, Sybil Jacobs '42, Jean Loutit '42

Second row: Patty Mitchell '42, Norma Macleod '43

Front row: Natalie (Riley) Carlisle '41, Shirley (Dickinson) Davies '42, Davida (Monk) Winning '42, Dorothy Araki '42



KOGU President
Melinda Hudson '80

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80

The theme for this edition of The Soubeiran is **CELEBRATE**. Within this edition you will find some of the highlights of 2017 including reunions, the launch of the KOG Pilot Mentoring Program, the Vintage Luncheon and gatherings of Old Girls from all generations, as we continue to strengthen the bonds of the KOG community.

We are also delighted to be celebrating tennis and 100 years of the Tildesley Shield with a special luncheon to be held on 15 March 2018.

However, there is so much more that can't be captured within these pages, and I would also like to acknowledge and celebrate the following:

- ◆ Old Girls and parents who have generously helped grow our Internship and Fellowship Programs.
- ◆ Old Girls who have volunteered to become Cohort Ambassadors.
- ◆ Old Girls mentoring current students and tutoring Year 9 students.
- ◆ Our 115-year association with the Infants' Home.



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KOGU MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2018

Term 1

Tuesday 27 February **KOGU AGM – 6.30pm**
Followed by a Committee Meeting
Thursday 15 March **The Tildesley Shield 100th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon – 12.30pm**
The Royal Sydney Golf Club
Sunday 18 March **Year 13 Music Festival Event – 6.00pm**

Term 2

Wednesday 16 May **KOGU Committee Meeting – 6.30pm**
Monday 4 June **Archibald Prize 2018**
Morning Tour – 9.00am
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Wednesday 6 June **Archibald Prize 2018**
Evening Tour – 6.00pm
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Wednesday 13 June **2018/2019 KOG Mentoring Program Launch – 6.30pm**
Wednesday 20 June **KOGU Careers Evening**

Term 3

Wednesday 8 August **KOGU Committee Meeting – 6.30pm**
Thursday 30 August **KOG Generations Morning Tea – 10.00am**

Term 4

Wednesday 24 October **KOGU Vintage Lunch**
Wednesday 7 November **KOGU Committee Meeting – 6.30pm**

- ◆ The broader Kambala Community, and the support we receive from the School and our KOG Relations Manager, Brooke Kathriner.
- ◆ Old Girls who have served as past and present KOGU Committee Members.
- ◆ YOU! Our Old Girls and our newest Young Old Girls, the Class of 2017.

So, let's continue to COMMUNICATE, CONNECT and CELEBRATE together. Once a Kambala girl, always a Kambala girl.

On behalf of the KOGU Committee, we wish you and your family health and happiness, love and laughter for the holidays and 2018.



CELEBRATING GENERATIONS OF OLD GIRLS

Brooke Kathriner

The KOG Generations Morning Tea was held in August and provided a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the rich tradition and history that generations of Old Girls provide to Kambala.

Kambala Old Girls who are mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or relatives of current Kambala students enjoyed a lovely morning tea with their girls in the Tivoli Drawing Room.

After a warm welcome by School Council President, Sally Herman '74, and Principal, Shane Hogan, third generation Kambala student Ciara Macken (Year 11), and second generation student, Sophie McGeoch (Year 11) gave a delightful speech, sharing stories of their mothers' and grandmothers' experiences at Kambala.

Thank you to all who attended this special event.



1. Back Row (from left): Sandra (Crago) Davidson '59 with granddaughters, Claudia Davidson (Year 7) and Eve Gibson (Year 6) and Sandra's sister, Sally (Crago) Humphrey '65.

Front Row: Sally's granddaughters, Jaimie Humphrey (Year 2) and Eleanor Humphrey (Year 3).

2. Special guest speakers Sophie McGeoch (Year 11) and Ciara Macken (Year 11).

3. From left: Alex McGuire ('17) with her mother, KOGU Committee Member Tracy Yaffa '79, Head of Senior School Katherine Mar, School Council Member Patria (Harris) Mann '80, and her daughter, Sabrina Mann ('17).

4. Alex Bako (Year 8) and Lily Zadelis (Year 9) with mother and aunt,

Sophia (Zadelis) Bako '86 and grandmother, Diana (Akon) Zadelis '59.

5. Catherine (Saywell) Harris '59 with her granddaughter, Darcey Graham (Year 7).

6. Sue (Moore) Swan '58 with granddaughter, Ciara Macken (Year 11), daughter and Ciara's mother, Annie (Swan) Macken '83 and sister, Annie (Moore) Schutzingner '55.



THE ANNUAL VINTAGE LUNCHEON

Brooke Kathriner

It was a glorious day for the annual Vintage Luncheon held at the School on Wednesday 25 October.

We were delighted to welcome back 65 Kambala Old Girls from cohorts 1945 to 1965 for the luncheon, which is always a highlight on the KOGU calendar.

Welcome drinks were served in the Tivoli Drawing Room before attendees strolled down to Hampshire House to enjoy a delicious lunch, stunning harbour views and, of course, wonderful company.

Master of Ceremonies, Alix Verge '77 started proceedings by introducing Principal, Shane Hogan, who warmly welcomed the group.

Susan (Litchfield) Monckton '54 said Grace and during lunch our Old Girls were treated to some very special musical performances, including an impressive duet *For Good* from the stage musical *Wicked*, sung



beautifully by Kambala's Senior Production principal cast members, Jessica Zylstra and Emma Grandison.

Mr Hogan himself then displayed his talents on the trombone with Head Prefect 2017-2018, Olivia Kohan, performing a fabulous rendition of *Close to You* by The Carpenters with the beautiful vocals of Jessica Zylstra, Deputy Head Prefect 2017-2018.

KOGU President Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80 proposed a toast to the School and spoke about lifelong friendships and the importance of connection and celebration within our Old Girl community.

The room was filled with warmth and laughter and Old Girls took delight in the opportunity to catch up, reminisce and share stories.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE 2018

Notice is given pursuant to the constitution of the association of the Kambala Old Girls' Union Incorporated that the 121st Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 6.30pm in the Tivoli Drawing Room.

Nominations are sought for the following positions on the Committee of the Association for 2018: President, Vice President (two), Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Members (10). Nominations must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Association or the Chairperson of the AGM at any time prior to commencement of voting for election of the Committee at the AGM.

Nominations are also sought for Kambala School Council Nominees (two) and these nominations must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Association at least 14 days before the date of the AGM. Any serving Kambala School Council Nominee who wishes to renominate as a Kambala School Council Nominee must deliver written notice of such intention to the Secretary of the Association

at least 28 days before the AGM. Nominations for Kambala School Council Nominees are to be sent to: Cassandra Smiles, KOGU Secretary, 794 New South Head Rd, Rose Bay NSW 2029.

Sub-Committee positions for the Association for 2018 will also be appointed at the AGM.

Items of business will include: Committee reports on the activities of the Association, election of the 2018 Committee positions for the Association, election of the 2018 Kambala School Council Nominees, annual financial and other financial reports and statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, and any other business.

All enquiries should be made to the Secretary, Kambala Old Girls' Union Inc. (KOGU Inc.)
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In celebration of the School's 130 Year Anniversary in 2017, each guest also received a 130 Year pin to take home.

We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to the day, and greatly appreciated the lovely notes from those who were unable to attend and their generous donations to KOGU.

We are already looking forward to next year's event, to be held on Wednesday 24 October, 2018.

1. Sheila (Anschau) Henderson '50, KOG event helper Jane (Nock) Bruce '77 and Sue (McCathie) Kelly '54.

2. Welcome Drinks in the Tivoli Drawing Room.

3. KOGU President Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80, Master of Ceremonies, Alix Verge '77, and Herti (Hendel) Verge '52.

4. Rosalind (Ramsay) Deane '61 and Diane Speed '60.

5. Philipa (Gaden) Mainwaring '56 and Thea (Carruthers) McKeown '58.

6. Deputy Head Prefect 2017-2018 Jessica Zylstra, Head Prefect 2017-2018, Olivia Kohan, and Principal, Shane Hogan, performing *Close to You* by The Carpenters.

7. Lunching ladies in the Harbour View Room, Hampshire House.



1967 REUNION

Kerry (Watson) Shearer '67

On Saturday 23 September, 22 former Kambala students gathered to celebrate 50 years since their cohort attended the School. A lunch was held in the Harbour View Room in Hampshire House. The weather cooperated and the Old Girls were able to view Sydney Harbour and the city at its best. Great support to organise this event was provided by KOG Relations Manager, Brooke Kathriner and the delightful and highly efficient Kambala Events Manager, Amelia Fujikake.

A delicious buffet lunch was provided by the School caterer, and a celebratory cake was cut by Pauline (Malouf) Scarf. Old Girls travelled from Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Yass, Rylestone, Bellingen, Tintenbar and Melbourne. Sadly, some of the cohort were unable to attend. We hope to see those who live overseas at our next event.

Principal Shane Hogan welcomed us, and two Year 11 Prefects, Aspen Morgan and Lulu Whitehouse gave us a very informative tour of the School. What a credit those young ladies are to their families and the School! Those among us who were not boarders had the rare privilege of viewing the boarding facilities in Tivoli, which had always been forbidden during our time at Kambala. The former boarders enjoyed taking a trip down memory lane.

We all enjoyed this memorable occasion, catching up on the lives of those we had not seen for years. Of course, none of us have changed a bit. We have decided that as the years pass, we must get together more often. We hope to host the next reunion in five years, rather than 10. We express our thanks to Kambala for providing great foundations and wonderful friendships.



The Class of 1967 were welcomed back to Kambala for their 50 Year Reunion.

1977 REUNION

*Tanya (MacBride) Barbour '77 and
Natalie (Waters) Ofner '77*

Fifty girls from the Class of 1977 celebrated their 40 Year Reunion on Saturday 16 September with a lunch at Vacluse House Tearooms.

Old Girls travelled from Port Douglas, Newcastle, Canberra, Oberon and Goulburn to attend. Special mention must be made of Jo-Anne (Prineas) Kelleway who returned from a business meeting in Hong Kong that morning in order to attend the reunion. Apologies were received from Old Girls currently living and working overseas or unable to attend due to travel commitments.

Many of the girls completed a fact sheet that allowed Alix Verge to compile responses into a wonderful booklet of memories and photos, distributed at the reunion. The cover of the booklet included a poem written by Maria (Mary) Varvaessos and published in the School magazine in 1976. Sadly, Maria passed away from cancer in January 2009. The poem reads:

The wise man looks into space
and does not regard the small
as too little
nor the great as too big;
For he knows that there is no limit to dimensions.
Life is a pure flame
as if by an invisible sun
burning within us.

The venue was delightful and the warm spring weather allowed us to gather together outside for a group photo, taken by Year 10 students, Fiona Ferguson and Tomalin Jenner, who kindly volunteered their services on the day. The celebrations continued well past the finish time of 3pm. Josie (Thomas) Gurney opened her home for the 15 boarders to gather and continue reminiscing, sharing many stories and giggles. The day ended with many commenting that they could not wait for the next event.



1987 REUNION

Rachel (Brun) Scanlon '87

The Class of 1987 celebrated their 30 Year Reunion on 12 August at the Centennial Hotel.

Approximately 45 out of the original 86 graduates attended, with people travelling from the world's wide spaces including Queensland, Perth, Broome, New Zealand and Los Angeles. Girls from our class had gone on to work in a wide variety of fields, including: running lodges in Africa, air traffic control, marketing, psychology, industrial relations, finance, IT, veterinary science, accounting, law, medicine, managing businesses and teaching.

Thanks to Facebook, we had shared many (very 80s) old school photos in the lead up to the event. Many thanks go to Tina Clark for her superb organisation, which included an amusing survey. Thanks are also extended to Libby Rough who located our Year 12 video, bringing back memories of Alexander Hall as it was then. In 1987, we proudly celebrated the centenary of Kambala. Today, we celebrate 130 years.

At the reunion, we also paid tribute to our classmate Sophia Bates who sadly passed away in 2016.



1. Anna (Pereira) Edwards, Michelle (Kantor) Fishbine, Liza (Birnbau) Glass, Alex (Korda) Brown, Debbie Zipser, Martine (Schuftan) Springer, Libby (McKenzie) Rough
2. Amanda (Sutherland) Malan, Christine Conolly, Julie (Fletcher) Michael and Lea (Bates) Bellas
3. Jenny (Milne) Boffey, Vanessa (Lowy) Shevelev, Toni (Leon) Rozen
4. Victoria (Bucknell) Tice, Michelle (Trevor) Keys, Rachel (Brun) Scanlon, Tina Clark, Genevieve (Antill) Hoegh-Guldberg

2012 REUNION

Tania Saleh '12

The Class of 2012 enjoyed their 5 Year Reunion at the Bondi Bowling Club on Saturday 23 September. We enjoyed some fun in the sun over lawn bowls and moved to The Sheaf later in the evening for more festivities.

It was a great occasion to catch up and reflect on the past five years, as well as reminisce on the special memories we shared together at Kambala. Whether it be exciting career journeys, overseas adventures or the like, the Class of 2012 are certainly making their mark on the world!

We would like to extend a special thanks to the girls who made the journey from overseas and interstate to join the celebrations.



The Class of 2012 enjoy their 5 Year Reunion at Bondi Bowling Club.

1962 REUNION

Carolyn (Coombes) Williams '62

Nineteen enthusiastic members from the Class of 1962 gathered on Friday 13 October at Vaucluse House Tearooms to reminisce, enjoy each other's company and celebrate their 55 Year Reunion.

From the start there were cries of pleasure at each arrival. It seemed that we had not changed much at all – perhaps just a few wrinkles – but we did not really notice. It was a perfect venue and it was decided that this should be an annual event, especially as it was such a relaxed and easy way to meet. In 2018 we plan to meet on Friday 12 October.



Members from the Class of 1962 celebrate their 55 Year Reunion.

There were 17 apologies, often with special messages of greeting, and contact made with school friends we had not seen for far too long.

ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2017

Annalise (Lewis) Scanlan '80

In August, almost 60 members of the Kambala community enjoyed our exclusive guided tours of the Archibald Prize exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.

The annual Archibald Prize is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards which this year was awarded to Sydney artist, Mitch Cairns, for the stylised portrait of his partner, artist Agatha Gothe-Snape. Another stand-out was the portrait of retiring Sydney Grammar Headmaster, Dr John Vallance. This portrait consisted of 11,000 blocks and was painted by 301 Grammar boys, aged five to 12.

Of special interest to the Kambala contingent was a viewing of the Sir John Sulman prize winning *Oh history, you lied to me* by Joan Ross. Joan was Artist in Residence at Kambala this year and her six months working at the School inspired the girls, staff and broader community. Each of the art tours concluded with a casual get-together where we were able to discuss and digest what we had seen and catch up with old friends.

The series of Archibald tours continue to gain in popularity and this year it was great to see some of the partners and husbands from the greater Kambala community involved as well. KOGU will be supporting the Archibald again in 2018 and we look forward to seeing this become an integral part of the KOGU event calendar.



1. Sir John Sulman's prize winning *Oh history, you lied to me* by Joan Ross.
2. Back row: Lou Playfair '80, Judy Playfair '71, KOGU Vice President Jane Poole '79
Front row: Annalise Scanlan '80, Jo-Ann See '79, Antonia Murphy '80, John Negrine

KAMBALA OLD GIRLS ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2018 TOURS

Morning Tour
Monday 4 June – 9.00am

Evening Tour
Wednesday 6 June – 6.00pm

SAVE THE DATE

Event: The Tildesley Shield 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Date: Thursday 15 March 2018 | **Time:** 12.30pm

Venue: The Royal Sydney Golf Club

At the introduction of Royal Sydney member Melinda Hudson, The Kambala Old Girls' Union warmly invites past Kambala players, coaches, parents, supporters and members of the broader Kambala community to a luncheon on Thursday, 15 March, 2018 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament.

First held in 1918, the Tildesley Shield is IGSSA's oldest and most prestigious competition. Miss Evelyn Tildesley, Headmistress of Normanhurst School, donated "a beautiful oak and bronze shield" to encourage a greater number of girls to participate in a special tennis competition which emphasised team spirit. The competition was based on an American tournament where a percentage of games won against games played is scored, so every game won is counted towards the School team's results. The size of the team is based on enrolments, not just the few very best girls in the School. The Tildesley Shield is the most coveted trophy in school tennis in Sydney.

Until 1922, the competition was managed by the Girls' Secondary Schools Lawn Tennis Association, and after this time, the Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Union (now IGSSA).

To put the age of Tildesley into perspective, it was not until 1922 that the Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship events were included in the Australian Tennis Open.

Just 12 schools participated in the first Tournament in 1918, with Kambala being one of these. Kambala won the Tildesley Shield in 1950, having the highest average team tennis score.

A Kambala singles player has won (or placed runner-up) five times over the years, the first time in 1951 and the most recent in 2002.

Kambala doubles players have had success (winning or runner-up) nine times, the first in 1946 and the last time in 1979.

Old Girl Jennifer Burrows '71 is Kambala's most successful player ever, having been the singles runner-up in 1969 and 1970, then winner in 1971.

Tildesley Singles Winner

1971 Jennifer Burrows '71



1947 Doubles Winners Judith (King) Hawley '47 and Patricia (Pyrke) Erikson '47.

Doubles Winners

1947	Judith (King) Hawley '47 and Patricia (Pyrke) Erikson '47
1979	Linda (Virag) Oldfield '80 and Vanessa (Blackshaw) Magowan '79

In 2017, Kambala finished fourth out of 25 schools, an outstanding achievement and our best result in recent history. The Centenary Tildesley Shield Tournament will be played from 21 to 23 March 2018. We hope you can join us for the celebratory luncheon on 15 March 2018.

For any queries, please contact KOGU on 02 9388 6888 or email kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au.

KOG PILOT MENTORING PROGRAM

CONNECTING THROUGH LIFE EXPERIENCES

Jane Poole '79

As part of our ongoing focus to provide ways for Old Girls to connect with each other and to the broader Kambala community, we were excited to launch a pilot Mentoring Program in June 2017.

In discussions with younger Old Girls it became apparent there was an opportunity to connect younger people starting out in their careers to the wisdom and experience of those who have gone before them, thus the name of the Program, Connecting Through Life Experiences.

We are confident that the Kambala bond will add an extra dimension of connection, commitment and personal care beyond other in-house or industry mentoring programs that may be available.

We were delighted by the level of response we received from both people wanting to become a mentor and those seeking mentorship. We were particularly excited to have so many potential mentors expressing interest who currently live overseas, a double bonus in being able to tap into their global experience at a time when international experience is often regarded as a necessity for career progression. We were also delighted to be able to reconnect with Old Girls, regardless of where they reside. We actually received more applications than positions available for this year's pilot program. It was a difficult task selecting the initial 12 pairs required.

A launch evening was held on 14 June in the Tivoli Drawing Room, where locally based participants met their mentor partner for the first time and also had the opportunity to mingle with the broader cohort. Since this time, our mentoring pairs have been meeting both face-to-face and online, guided by a toolkit developed to give tips on successful mentoring relationships. We have just completed our first Quarterly Check In with our pairs to learn what is working and where there might be opportunities to fine tune the Program for launch in 2018.

Some of the early findings from our pilot is that both our mentors and mentees have enjoyed reconnecting with the Kambala community. Many of the mentees mentioned the value their mentors are providing in helping them navigate the workplace at critical times of their careers, particularly helping to provide clarity and a new perspective on actionable goals.

The mentors have appreciated gaining insights from a younger generation and are enjoying the sense of personal fulfilment in being



1. KOGU Vice President Jane Poole '79, Sharon Chan '07, Rebecca Williams '09, Simone Landes '93 and KOGU Committee Member Luisa Gidaro '08 at the launch event in June 2017.



2. Rachel (Brun) Scanlon '87, Lucinda Bradshaw '07

able to 'pay-it-forward'. We are very appreciative to our inaugural participants of the Connecting Through Life Experience Program for their dedication to each other and openness to learning, as well as their willingness to help us design the best Mentoring Program we possibly can for KOG.

If you are interested in participating in the 2018 Program, please register your interest online at: kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au/#mentoring. For any queries please email mentoringkogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au.

THE LOST OLD GIRLS CAMPAIGN

Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80

We are committed to providing opportunities for Old Girls to stay connected to the Kambala community and each other on a global scale.

Responses to new KOGU initiatives this year, such as the Pilot Mentoring Program, further cemented what we already knew - that we have an incredibly talented and diverse community of Old Girls. For some who volunteered as mentors, it was their first connection with KOGU since leaving school. As exciting as this was, it also highlighted some of the glaring gaps in our database; we don't know where so many of you are and what you are doing.

In response, we have launched The Lost Old Girls Campaign. We want to be able to communicate and connect effectively with you, in the way that works best for you, whether that be through mail, email, social media or perhaps not at all! However, to do this, we need your help.

The campaign began with over 3,000 emails and almost 2,000 letters being sent, and we thank the hundreds of Old Girls who have taken the time to update their details with us.

However, we still have a way to go.

We have over 7,000 active Old Girl records in our database. Of those records, we have a current email address for 43 percent and a current postal address for 62 percent.

If you haven't yet updated your details, please take a few minutes to do so:

HOW CAN I UPDATE MY DETAILS?

ONLINE: Update your details quickly and easily via the Kambala Old Girls' Online Community: kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au/
Go to 'Your Account' and you can register or login using your name.

PHONE: Simply phone KOGU on 02 9388 6888 to update your details.

EMAIL: Send an email to kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au with your name, cohort year, maiden name (if applicable) and postal address details.

Thank you for helping to keep the Kambala spirit strong. We look forward to connecting and sharing your stories.

NOTICES

BIRTHS

Gill Bennett '08 and her partner, Brendon Foran, are proud to announce that on 29 March 2017 they had a son, Lachlan Emmett Foran, join their family.

Louisa (Piggott) Julier '02 and husband, Jamie, welcomed their second child, Alfie George Julier, on 11 October 2016, a baby brother for Olivia.

Holly (Lewin) D'Elia '04 welcomed son Matteo Angelo Ross D'Elia born 20 April 2017 and her sister **Annabelle (Lewin) Farrington '07** welcomed son Henry James Ross Farrington born 27 June 2017. Congratulations also to proud grandmother, **Margot Bain '76**.

- 1. Baby Lachlan Emmett Foran, son of Gill Bennett
- 2. Alfie Julier with big sister, Olivia.
- 3. Sisters, Holly (Lewin) D'Elia '04 and Annabelle (Lewin) Farrington '07 with their beautiful baby boys, Matteo and Henry.



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MARRIAGES

Danielle Beck '92 married Dr Miguel Sergio Kabilio on 2 April 2017 on board a boat on the Swan River in Matilda Bay, Perth, Western Australia. Miguel is from Argentina and they met at the St Kilda Sea Baths in Melbourne in 2011.

Christie Cassimis '04 married Peter Stamataros on 25 February 2017 in a ceremony at St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church Kingsford, followed by reception at Catalina Rose Bay.



Antonia (Hoddle) Kitching '64 recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Last year, she and her husband, Mike, returned to Italy where they honeymooned, having docked at Genoa in the Ligurian Sea in 1968. Antonia is the eldest of five girls who were educated at Kambala.



1. Antonia and Mike Kitching celebrating 50 years of marriage in Italy.
2. Christie Cassimis '04 and Peter Stamataros on their wedding day.
3. Danielle Beck '92 and Miguel Sergio Kabilio on their wedding day.

DEATHS

David Hampshire, husband of **Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55** and father of **Elizabeth (Hampshire) Burnett '86** and **Jennifer Hampshire '95**, and grandfather of Charlie, Ellie and Annique Burnett, died on 22 May 2017.

Patricia 'Patty' (Hodge) Adair '53 passed away on 26 September, 2017. Loving wife of Ross. Mother of Diane, Adam and Nicholas. Grandmother of Sophie, Ella, Lucy, Jack, Harry and Sadie.

Anne (Gibbs) Lane '47 passed away on 18 May 2017. Anne and her husband, Pat, had three children and nine grandchildren. A group of six friends, **Shirley (Goldstein) Cohen**, **Sue (Bennett) Knowles**, **Judy (King) Hawley**, **Barbara (Gleed) Mc Clelland** and **Pam (Chauncy) Herman**, all Old Girls of '47, met regularly for lunch over the last few years, and very much miss Anne being with them.

Mary (Mort) Mackenzie '36 passed away on 6 June 2017, aged 97. Mother of **Jill Mackenzie '61**, **Jennifer (Mackenzie) Kerr '68** and **Coral (Mackenzie) Marshall '71**. Grandmother of **Penelope Kerr '90**, **Janie (Kerr) Johnston '91**, **Katrina (Kerr) Brooker '93** and **Rebecca (Kerr) Guilfoyle '93**. Sister of **Barbara (Mort) Thelander '39** and **Margaret Mort '35 (decd)**. Cousin of **Edna (Monk) Mitchell '40 (decd)**, **David (Monk) Winning '42 (decd)**, **Marjorie (Monk) Meddows '44 (decd)** and **Connie (Monk) Nicolson '45 (decd)**.

Michaela Malone '76 passed away on 10 May 2017. Daughter of

Toni (Wilson) Malone '51, granddaughter of **Shirley (Dent) Wilson '27**, sister of **Megan Malone '79**, **Magdalen Malone '82** and **Sophia Malone '85**.

Kaye (Bellamy) Overton '54 passed away on 8 August 2017, aged 80, after a long battle with diabetes. Kaye was a boarder from Coonamble. The youngest daughter of **Hazel (Fisher) Bellamy '27**. The younger sister of **Frankie (Bellamy) Stacy '46**. Kaye's Daughter, **Roxane (Isley-Edwards) McKellar '76**, and granddaughter, **Primrose McKellar, '08** were also boarders. Kaye was very proud to have been a part of four generations of Kambala girls. She was in constant contact with all of her Kambala friends throughout her life. She passed away in Dubbo where she had lived for many years.

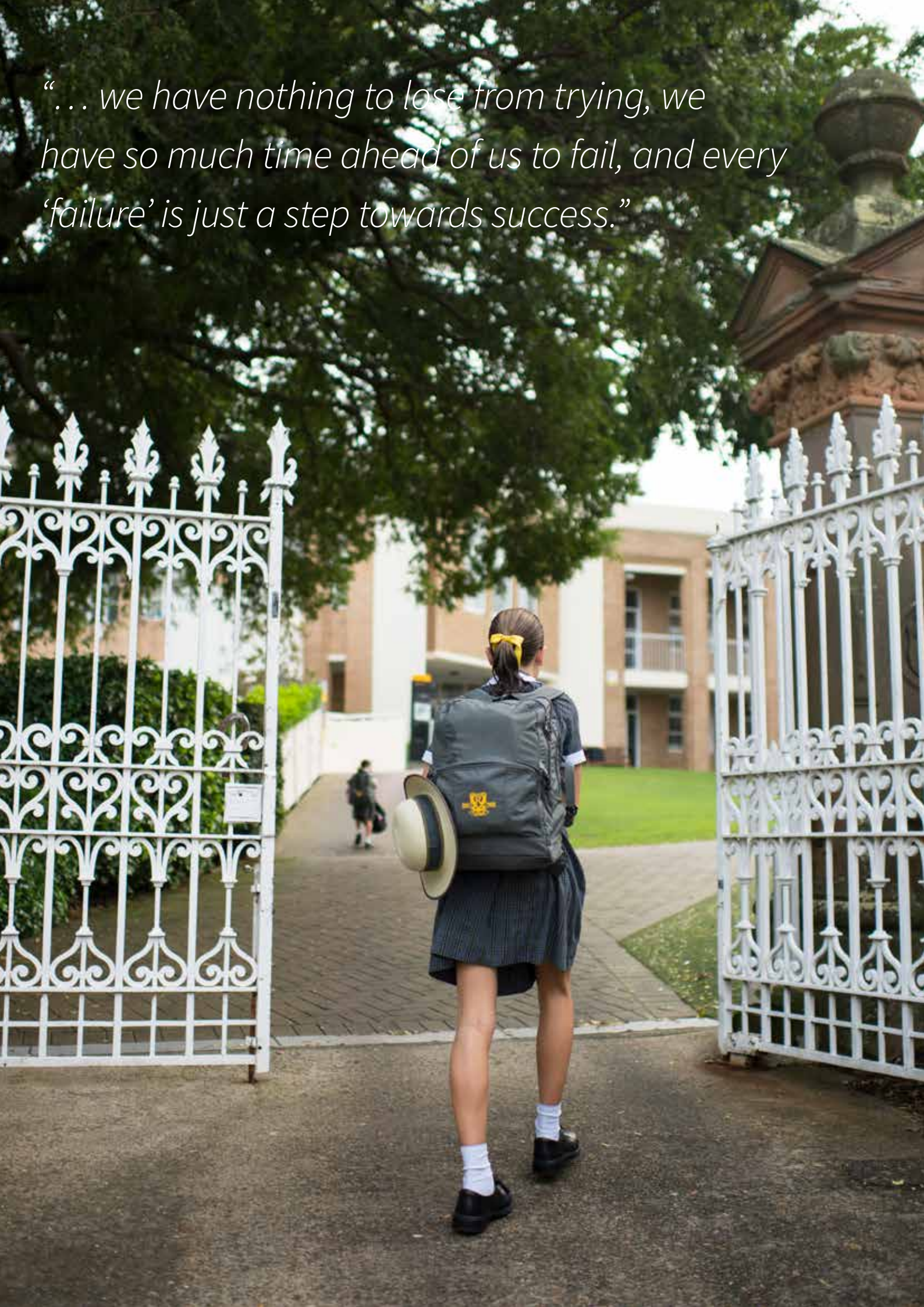
Norath (Wadge) Patfield '49 passed away on Sunday 23 July 2017. Sister to **Elizabeth (Wadge) Simmons '47**. Norah's time at Kambala was central to her life and contained many wonderful and lasting memories. She was a very proud 'old KOGU' as she liked to refer to herself and was, in her day, an active member of the Old Girls' Union.

Barbara (Still) Radford '53 passed away in April 2016. Barbara was the beloved mother of Andrew and Tony, and a loyal and loving wife to Ross. She will be remembered by all family and friends for her great kindness, generosity and sense of humour.

Ailsa (Cook) Sylvester '40 passed away on 14 July 2017 peacefully at home with her family.



“... we have nothing to lose from trying, we have so much time ahead of us to fail, and every ‘failure’ is just a step towards success.”





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