Because once a SCEGGS girl...
Why Bequests Are Important To SCEGGS

For over 100 years SCEGGS has been situated on the same site in Darlinghurst and has grown and flourished to become an outstanding school for girls. A combination of sound vision from the Heads, past and present, a clear set of values and an ethos that centres on diversity, egalitarian principles and provision of opportunity has developed SCEGGS into one of Australia’s leading girls schools.

Generations of girls have passed through the Green Gate and have benefited from a SCEGGS education. We have seen girls working in all sectors of the business and community both overseas and here at home. Girls continue their connection with the School many years after they have left and it is always a joy to see them in the school… once a SCEGGS girl, always a SCEGGS girl!

To continue to provide the best possible education we can, we must continue to invest in the future.

The Barham Fellows Bequest Program was established to provide a way to enable philanthropic legacies to be gifted to the School. Bequests provide funds for SCEGGS to develop infrastructure as well as providing scholarships and growing an endowment fund to safeguard the future of the School.

It goes without saying that every girl who comes to SCEGGS will benefit from the actions of those before her. The legacies left by members of the SCEGGS community have been the cornerstone for development of the School, a fine example being a bequest from Joan Freeman for the new Science, Art and Technology Centre which was named in her honour.

The SCEGGS community has been very generous and the Barham Fellows Bequest Program continues to expand with more and more people informing us they have generously named SCEGGS as a beneficiary in their will. This act of philanthropy is one we respect and take very seriously as it shows not only a willingness to invest in the future of the School but an affection and appreciation for what SCEGGS has brought to the bequestor.

Jenny Allum
SCEGGS
How to Make a Bequest

A bequest is a gift to a named beneficiary. Normally it is an instruction contained in a Will and specifically details part of the estate which is to be set aside for a particular beneficiary.

If you are considering making a bequest to SCEGGS we suggest that you talk it through with both your family and solicitor to ensure your wishes are correctly reflected in the Will.

Bequests can be made in a number of ways:
1. Assets such as property, paintings, shares, bonds etc
2. Financial sums of money which may be a fixed amount or a percentage of an estate

Bequests are generally of two types:
1. Unrestricted
   An unrestricted bequest left to the Head of School's discretion, to use the gift where the School needs it most at the time it is received. It could be used in a number of ways:
   - towards infrastructure projects such as the new Joan Freeman Science Art & Technology building or refurbishment of the Chapel or other buildings, towards building the SCEGGS Scholarship Fund to secure the long term future of SCEGGS and to retain the independence of SCEGGS through the Endowment Fund.
2. Restricted
   If you have a particular passion perhaps for a specific discipline or for a scholarship you might like to consider a restricted bequest which is used for a particular purpose.

If you are making a bequest, we welcome notification of that so we can invite you to become a Barham Fellow and honour and recognise your generosity during your lifetime. Privacy is always respected and any discussions remain strictly confidential.

The Barham Fellow Bequest Program

All those who have informed SCEGGS that they are considering leaving a bequest to SCEGGS of any amount, are invited to become a Barham Fellow. It is our way of honouring and thanking the bequestor during their lifetime and establishing us to share with them the life of the School today. Named for the original building where the School was moved to in the early 1900’s, Barham signifies the history, the heart and the future of the School.

Being a Barham Fellow is a way for SCEGGS to acknowledge the essential role that those leaving a bequest play in securing the future of SCEGGS. A number of celebrations and events take place during each year to honour our Barham Fellows.

Our Barham Fellows are recognised on a special Honour Board in Barham as well as presented with a beautiful Barham Fellow 9-carat gold pin at a special function. We are very grateful to all our Barham Fellows for their support and generosity in making a lasting gift to SCEGGS.

Should you wish to become a Barham Fellow, please notify the School with the accompanying form.
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One day I’ll join the white-haired women, who left the school 50 years ago or more, who gather in the Chapel every Ascension Day to say thank you and remember.

Giving is part of our tradition.

Barbara BENJAMIN (1944)

At the end of second term in 1942, I left PLC Orange where I had been a boarder for two terms, due to the sudden death of my much-loved father. Being an only child, both my mother and myself wanted me to return to Sydney as a day girl.

My mother visited Miss Wilkinson, seeking my enrolment at SCEGGS, and explained the sad circumstances which had caused the change of schools in the last term of my Intermediate year.

Miss Wilkinson showed great kindness and compassion to my grieving mother, even offering her a reduction in the school fees. So, in the final term of 1942 I arrived as a “new girl” at SCEGGS still wearing my Black Watch tartan uniform, this being permitted for one term, due to clothes rationing. Although this made me somewhat conspicuous, nevertheless I was made to feel very welcome by both staff and students and I was happy.

By first term in 1943 I had acquired a school uniform and to feel like a “real SCEGGS girl”. My time at SCEGGS was all too short, would that it could have been longer.

I have never forgotten Miss Wilkinson’s great kindness to my mother and to me… I considered that some recognition should be made of this by way of a bequest.

Julie MCCROSSIN (1971)

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Gillian Rosemberg (LIVERMORE 1961)

Why I became a Barham Fellow

One reaches a stage in life when one reflects on the years gone by and you ask yourself “what have I achieved in life” and if you are a professional person, “what have I achieved in my chosen profession”?

My first thoughts go back to my days spent at SCEGGS. I am very aware how meaningful those days were to me and the significant role that SCEGGS played in equipping me for a career in medical science. Education has been foremost in my career. Sharing the knowledge acquired along the way gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

Indeed, our school motto ‘Luceat Lux Vestra’ shines through every SCEGGS girl. This prompted me to become a Barham Fellow.

SCEGGS continues to provide a high standard of education. In fact, the girls of today have many more opportunities compared to those which were available when I was at school! These opportunities have been brought about by the generosity of the SCEGGS community, current and past. The girls of today are taught to play any number of musical instruments thanks to the establishment of the Delia Bowman Performing Arts Centre. Similarly, the girls will have the opportunity of acquiring an enviable grounding in the field of science in the Joan Freeman Science, Art and Technology Centre. Generous bequests from Barham Fellows have contributed richly to the School’s building and scholarship programs.

Through the generosity of Barham Fellows, new scholarships can be created such as the Grace Newbery Scholarship, named after Grace, from the class of 1912. This scholarship will enable a girl who could not otherwise afford it, to attend SCEGGS and benefit from the wonderful opportunities SCEGGS has to offer.

I have been a Barham Fellow for some years and continue to enjoy great involvement with SCEGGS through the Annual Morning Tea with Ms Allum and other Barham Fellows.

I encourage you to consider becoming a Barham Fellow and thereby contributing to and securing the future which will benefit so many girls. SCEGGS has always had a strong tradition of giving and the Barham Fellows have been a cornerstone of it.

Live up to our motto ‘Luceat Lux Vestra’. Become a Barham Fellow!
What YOUR bequest can do for SCEGGS

All bequests received, no matter what size or value, work towards providing the best possible education for SCEGGS girls over many generations.

A bequest is a thoughtful, planned gift and can take many forms. You may wish to leave a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate, property, shares, insurance policies or other assets. Leaving a bequest is a wonderful gift and one which we celebrate during your lifetime. If you decide to notify us that you have chosen to leave a bequest, we will invite you to become a Barham Fellow and we celebrate each year with the Head of School and other Barham Fellows. (Of course, if you wish to remain private with your gift that is, of course, fully respected).

SCEGGS continually strives to provide the best possible education that it can for all the girls who attend, current and future. With your help, we will continue to be the best educator of girls from all backgrounds and develop them into confident, capable and assured young women who can contribute to their community and the wider world.

THANK YOU

A bequest is a gift which makes an enormous difference. Generations have given in the past to make SCEGGS the school it is today – we thank you for continuing that philanthropic spirit and sharing in the future of SCEGGS.

Frequently Asked Questions

You may have many questions to ask and you are most welcome to call 02 9339 9428 anytime to discuss any ideas or questions you may have.

Q. Do I have to bequeath a certain amount in my will to become a Barham Fellow?
A. Not at all. It is entirely up to the individual – every gift is valuable and acknowledged in the spirit in which it is given. Every gift helps us to secure the future of SCEGGS and retain our independence as well as contributing to future generations.

Q. Do I have to leave money or can I leave assets?
A. You can leave a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate. Similarly you can leave property, artwork, shares or insurance policies. Consult your legal advisor on what is most appropriate for you.

Q. Do I have to tell SCEGGS what I am leaving?
A. No, but it is always helpful for the Board to know as it assists in the future planning of the School. However, privacy is always respected.

Q. Does my name have to appear on the Honour Board?
A. It is entirely up to you, you can remain anonymous should you prefer. However, being on the Honour Board is both a way for us to thank you and an encouragement to those who may be thinking of leaving a bequest.

Q. Do I have to be an Old Girl to leave a Bequest?
A. No, all are welcome to leave a bequest. However, being on the Honour Board is both a way for us to thank you and an encouragement to those who may be thinking of leaving a bequest.

Arranging your bequest

To become a Barham Fellow, you should consult your solicitor to have a Will prepared or add a codicil to an existing Will. Whatever your wishes, it is important that your preferences are clearly understood so that they may be carried out as you intend. It is recommended that you involve your family as well as your legal and financial advisors in your decision. Under current legislation, gifts by Will are not subject to government duties or taxes.

For further information

Please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Development, SCEGGS Trust at 02 9339 9428 anytime for a confidential discussion and details on how to arrange your bequest.

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