WE LOVE IT

WOULDN’T IT BE GREAT...
TO KNOW OUR FUTURE IS SECURE

THE SHINING LIGHT PROGRAM
WOULDN’T IT BE GREAT IF AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION WAS FREE? UNFORTUNATELY, REALITY IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.
AND IF WE WANT EXCELLENCE, THAT USUALLY TAKES A LITTLE MORE.

At SCEGGS we aim for excellence in education for our girls, to help them become the very best they can.

This means combining the best possible staff with the most modern of facilities in a socially and economically diverse environment.

It’s just a matter of paying for them.

Despite what governments and the media might have us all believe, an independent school like SCEGGS receives very little in the form of public funding, representing only something in the vicinity of 11% of total revenue.

Looking to the future, the likelihood is that even this contribution may be phased out.

The main source of funding is from school fees. These are primarily spent on teaching staff – attracting and retaining the best teachers is what we want for all our girls – with any surplus applied to on-going school costs and maintenance.

We have now developed the “Shining Light” Program to provide a more structured framework within which the School community as a whole can work. Philanthropic gifts will continue to assist SCEGGS in providing outstanding facilities together with ensuring diversity in the School community and the much valued independence of the School.

Through the “Shining Light” Program we will ask for your support each year for a specific focus. However, gifts are welcomed in all three areas of scholarships, facilities and independence. Your philanthropic gift makes an enormous and real difference to our current and future girls.

Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR.
SCHOLARSHIPS

ONE OF THE GREAT STRENGTHS OF SCEGGS IS THE TREMENDOUS DIVERSITY OF OUR STUDENT BODY. THE BENEFIT THIS BRINGS TO THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE MEASURED IN DOLLARS – IT’S SIMPLY A CENTRAL PART OF THE SCEGGS ETHOS.

Scholarships have been central to SCEGGS since 1909 when the first scholarship was awarded. SCEGGS continues to provide scholarships and fee relief to ensure opportunities for girls who could not otherwise access a SCEGGS education.

SCEGGS offers a number of different scholarships each year to encourage a diversity of students in a range of areas and provide them with a stimulating and challenging educational environment.

Some of these are specific to a particular field such as Science or Music whilst others are of more general application; as a school committed to social justice, SCEGGS offers Scholarships to girls from disadvantaged backgrounds as well as to those with specific talent.

Many of our scholarships are means tested and we see these as a way of expressing and ensuring the values of diversity, tolerance and social justice which are a central part of the School’s ethos.

The SCEGGS Old Girls’ Union also provides a scholarship for daughters or granddaughters of an Old Girl. It is testament to the strength of the OGU that they have provided this scholarship since the early 1900’s.

Scholarships cover full or part tuition and are designed to financially assist enthusiastic students to enjoy the benefits of the best possible education.

The 35-40 existing scholarships demonstrate our commitment to the scholarship program, given it takes an investment of somewhere around $500,000 in today’s dollars to ensure a specific scholarship is sustainable.

SCEGGS has already increased its financial commitment to scholarships by over 80%. We aim to have 10% of secondary students on fee assistance and the Scholarship Fund is pivotal in assisting with that goal.

WOULDN’T IT BE GREAT...

The expansion of our Scholarship Fund underlines the strong SCEGGS tradition of including girls and families from all backgrounds.
The heritage of SCEGGS is rich with stories of students who required financial assistance either to start or to complete their studies.

One such story involves Joan Freeman (1935), after whom the new Science, Art & Technology Centre is named.

During the Depression of the 1930’s Joan’s parents advised SCEGGS that, sadly, they were unable to meet the ongoing fee commitments.

The Head of School at the time, Miss Wilkinson, having identified Joan as an exceptional talent, decided that Joan should be allowed to continue at SCEGGS on a no-fee basis, such was the promise she showed and the potential to bring glory to the School.

“SCEGGS just suited me…the provision for personal freedom, emphasis on self-discipline and the importance of intellectual honesty, personal integrity, graciousness, kindness, generosity… all qualities which helped towards a satisfying fulfilment of life.”

Joan Freeman (1935)

Joan topped the State in the then equivalent of the HSC, becoming only the fourth female to graduate in Physics at Sydney University. In 1976 she became the only woman to date to be awarded the Rutherford Medal and Prize from the British Institute of Physics.

What wonderful foresight Miss Wilkinson had!

In true philanthropic spirit, Joan decided to give back to the school which supported her all those years ago; she made a significant bequest to SCEGGS which became the cornerstone of the appeal for the new Science, Art & Technology Centre which is named in her honour.

SCEGGS girls are benefiting from the generosity of both Miss Wilkinson, in her firm belief that scholarships are vital for the School and Joan Freeman, in her philanthropic generosity enabling us to build an outstanding new facility for all girls.

A gift through the Shining Light Program to the Scholarship Fund will ensure this tradition continues.
Our School is so much more than just the physical classrooms, sports halls and music chambers in which activities take place. But these facilities are necessary to deliver the quality of education we want for our girls.

SCEGGS prides itself in the significant improvements we have been able to make in our School over the last decades. The SCEGGS Trust and the philanthropic generosity of many benefactors saw SCEGGS purchase the St. Peters’ site enabling SCEGGS to improve and expand facilities with The Diana Bowman Performing Arts Centre.

Other major building works include:
- The Centenary Sports Hall
- The Old Girls’ Building refurbishment
- The Barbara Chisholm Primary School
- The Wilkinson Senior Study Centre

Of course, the jewel in the crown is the Joan Freeman Science, Art & Technology Centre, completed in 2013.

That we have these facilities for our girls is due to the generosity of past benefactors including parents, Old Girls, staff and friends of SCEGGS. Their gifts have ensured we have the infrastructure so necessary for delivering quality education now and in the future.

A gift through the Shining Light Program to the Building Fund will provide the School with the ongoing support it needs to keep its facilities current.
One of the wonderful aspects about SCEGGS is that it is fiercely independent.

Independence enables us to think “outside the square”, allowing us to introduce educational programs and methods that might be somewhat ahead of their time but which we believe will provide our girls with the best education.

Independence also allows us freedom of thought, unhampered by doctrine or ideology.

We do not take our educational freedoms for granted. There is always the chance these freedoms may be threatened some time in the future.

Independence in a financial sense will help secure these freedoms. Gifts to the Shining Light Program through the Endowment Fund or a legacy through the Barham Fellows Bequest Program, will ensure that SCEGGS remains at the forefront of education and will secure our future.
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5 WAYS TO GIVE

AT SCEGGS, YOU HAVE A VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND THE GIRLS. THIS WILL FINANCIALLY ENSURE OUR FUTURE ROLE IN PREPARING YOUNG WOMEN TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SHAPING THE WORLD IN WHICH WE ALL LIVE.

1. The Scholarship Fund
2. The Building Fund
3. The Endowment Fund
4. Barham Fellows Bequest Program
5. AIS USA Foundation

The Scholarship Fund
One of the major strengths of SCEGGS has always been the diversity of its student population. The SCEGGS Scholarship program continues to offer a variety of scholarships to strengthen and grow that diversity which makes SCEGGS special. Through the generosity of donors and the long term vision of the School Board, a diverse range of scholarships are available to provide opportunities for girls who would not otherwise be able to access a SCEGGS education.

Gifts to the SCEGGS Scholarship Fund have the advantage of being tax deductible and can be made as pledges over time.

The Building Fund
Gifts to this fund are used to acquire, construct or maintain buildings used by the School. The most recent Capital Campaign to raise funds for the Joan Freeman Science, Art & Technology Centre achieved $4.7 million. Gifts to the Building Fund are tax deductible and can be made as pledges over time.

The Endowment Fund
This Fund is designed to support the long term financial security of the School. It is a fund which can be used for a variety of purposes as the School needs including providing financial security in the face of rising costs and uncertain future government funding and maintaining the high levels of excellence for which the School has a well-deserved reputation.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund, whilst currently not tax-deductible, will benefit the long term security and prosperity of SCEGGS.

Barham Fellows Bequest Program
The Barham Fellows Program gives individuals the opportunity to leave a gift to SCEGGS through a legacy in their will. It is a wonderful way to ensure that generosity for tomorrow is recognised today. Barham Fellows are named after Barham, the building which was the original School in the early 1900’s. Barham Fellows are recognised with a unique brooch and are invited to events at SCEGGS so they can share both the history and future of SCEGGS.

Bequests can benefit individual estate planning as well as assisting with the long term security and prospects of SCEGGS.

AIS USA Foundation
SCEGGS is a member of the Australian Independent Schools USA Foundation. The AIS USA Foundation has been established to enable those who live or earn money in the USA to make a gift to the Foundation and to nominate an independent school in Australia who they wish to receive a grant. Donors to the Foundation benefit from a US tax deduction for their gift.

If you would like further details, please visit our website www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au

SCEGGS has enjoyed a long and remarkable tradition of philanthropy. We are grateful for every gift and the philanthropic spirit in which they are made.
Established in 1991, The SCEGGS Trust Ltd is the major fundraising arm of the School providing financial assistance towards:

- Maintaining the School’s excellence in education,
- Continuing the School’s capital development programme and
- Providing a financial base to guarantee the School’s future independence.

The Trust is a public company limited by guarantee.

The SCEGGS Trust is administered by a Board of Directors comprising Parents, Past Parents, Old Girls, the Head of School and staff members.

Achievements
Since its establishment the SCEGGS Trust has raised over $8 million dollars for the School.

The SCEGGS Trust continues to work towards raising funds for the Scholarship, Building and Endowment funds in partnership with the SCEGGS community, parents, Old Girls, past parents, staff and friends of SCEGGS.

Trust Membership
We encourage all members of the SCEGGS community to join the SCEGGS Trust; it is a great way to show commitment and involvement with SCEGGS and to develop a strong understanding of the vision for SCEGGS and the future fundraising plans.

Anyone who makes a financial gift to SCEGGS may apply for membership of the SCEGGS Trust. A Gift may be directed to any one of the three funds which are managed by the SCEGGS Trust: The Scholarship Fund, The Building Fund or the Endowment Fund.

Gifts may be pledged over time and any Gift to the Scholarship or Building Fund is tax deductible. In addition, anyone who intends to leave a bequest to the School is eligible to become a member.

A copy of the Annual SCEGGS Trust report is sent to all members. An invitation to the AGM provides an opportunity to hear about the role and work of the SCEGGS Trust. In addition, members of the SCEGGS Trust may stand for office.

Further Information
We welcome your thoughts, comments and feedback on the School’s fundraising program. Please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Development on (02) 9339 9428 anytime if you would like more information on any aspect of The Shining Light Program.
SCEGGS is fortunate to have so many parents, old girls, staff and members of the wider SCEGGS community supporting the fundraising efforts which ensure that SCEGGS can continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities for current and future girls.

We thank you for your generous support and we are grateful for every gift given to SCEGGS.

If you would like to support the Shining Light Program you can give online at www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au/community/trust or alternatively call (02) 9339 9428 for a confidential discussion.

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