



THE
**WINIFRED
WEST**
LEGACY

For the stories yet to be told





A MESSAGE FROM
SARAH McGARRY
HEAD OF FRENSHAM SCHOOLS

“ People are the greatest strength of the history and future of Frensham Schools. From talented students and passionate teachers, to loyal Old Girls and families, we comprise an enduring and vibrant community that makes a meaningful contribution to the world.

We believe passionately in educating students who are living the challenge reflected in our School motto – ‘In Love Serve One Another’. This involves being active and compassionate in recognising the needs of others, responding with generosity and integrity and leading by example.

The Winifred West Legacy, named in Miss West’s honour, will ensure that our community continues to help inspire and educate generations of young people to serve and shape our world.

This Legacy will also help us to continue investing in our teachers, supporting their ongoing growth through our unique Staff Scholarships Programme.

Few schools have the sense of place and space enjoyed by Frensham Schools. Sheltered by Mount Alexandra and Mount Gibraltar, our breathtaking campuses are treasured by generations of students and adults alike. Bequest gifts over the years have made a significant difference to our beautiful grounds and buildings, enriching the learning environment for our students at Gib Gate, Frensham and Sturt.

At its core, the intent of Frensham Schools is to embed a spirit of generosity and gratitude—Miss West’s vision and values are still the very essence of our schools today. Her dream is now our legacy and that of future generations.

I warmly encourage you to join us as a Custodian of **The Winifred West Legacy**.



“... She who comes keen and eager to help,
who gives out the best that is in her,
increases the school’s power for good
and receives back her gift with interest.
Give yourself.”

~ Winifred West, 1 June 1918



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Sturt School for Wood

LEAVING A LEGACY

Our Schools—Frensham, Gib Gate and Sturt—have flourished for over 100 years. This is due to the generosity of those who came before us—people who believed in supporting the quality of education that takes place here.

Grounded in a long tradition of support from dedicated Old Girls, families and friends, our Schools have successfully built upon these founding gifts.

We are now entering a new era of growth, by celebrating the culture of philanthropy that has brought us this far, and by challenging ourselves to raise our sights even higher.

With a new campus Master Plan through to 2035 that will guide us, we are reimagining our 178 hectares—inspired by the opportunities of a 21st-century education for our students, and anchored by our deeply rooted sense of history.

The Master Plan contemplates our campus in its entirety, and takes an integrated approach to the evolution of our built and open spaces. From our natural environment, to historic buildings and state-of-the-art facilities—the potential of our vision for the Master Plan focuses on the

Schools’ geographical, historic and spiritual centre.

In addition, our Bursary Fund provides the greatest gift to rural, regional and remote students—a Frensham education. This Fund helps to prepare our students for a lifetime of personal fulfilment, authenticity and purpose.

Please let us know if you have included Frensham Schools in your Will so that we can discuss any wishes you may have, and importantly, thank you personally by inviting you to become a ‘Custodian’ of The Winifred West Legacy.

As part of this group, you will receive invitations to special events for our Custodians, and The Winifred West Legacy will be honoured in our communications.

We respect that you may prefer to remain anonymous and any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential. Whatever your choice, we thank you for your support and gratefully acknowledge the importance you place on providing a legacy for future generations.

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CATHY MATHEWS (1969)

“ I have been a member of the WWS community for over 55 years, taking delight in the positive progress I’ve witnessed in many diverse areas of the life of the Schools.

As a student, I vividly remember the excitement of Clubbe Hall being built, provided for by past members of the WWS family. When recently renewing my Will and my Bequest to WWS, I felt great comfort in knowing my contribution will help in some way to ensure the Schools’ future development.

My three daughters and I, and now my granddaughter, have received so much from the dedicated staff and facilities during our years at WWS, and I believe it is our responsibility to help provide for future students to enjoy the same facilities as we did.

If we all contribute to our unique WWS community in our Wills, we are forever involved in a positive and enduring legacy for future girls.

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TONY & SUE MORRISON (Bragg, 1960)

“ My husband, Tony, and I are delighted to join The Winifred West Legacy. My family connection with Frensham goes back four generations: my two aunts in the days of Miss West; my sister Pru and I in the ‘50s; our two girls in the ‘70s; and our two granddaughters.

Frensham has changed—through ambitious building projects; and academically, where Frensham has made giant strides.

While results are paramount, extracurricular activities such as Sport, Art and Music add balance. Frensham singing still sends goose bumps up my spine, and those magnificent plays are fantastic.

But Frensham is more than that. It’s the ‘X’ factor, the ‘I don’t know what’, the ‘je ne sais quoi’—the amazing ‘something’ that is born in its beautiful bush setting, in Clubbe Hall, Sturt and the Holt: ‘In Love Serve One Another’, builds enduring friendships, commitment, and character that last a lifetime.

I see the Legacy as a good opportunity for us to give back to the School that has given us so much.

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Many students have been helped by Diana Jenkins (1934)

Her bequest in 2010 was inspired by her personal story as the recipient of support to attend Frensham



Diana Jenkins was a much-loved Old Girl, Fellowship Committee representative, Company Member and Frensham teacher. She lived her life by the philosophy that we must make a positive difference to the community we serve, and we must have a strong commitment to equity and inclusion.

Coming to Frensham in the 1930s Diana was determined that her life would be lived as instructed by Winifred West, a lifelong role model, to ‘In Love Serve One Another’.

After school she moved to the UK. When global hostilities erupted, Diana wanted to fight for freedom, and so volunteered to monitor European broadcasts during WWII. It was exhausting and exacting, but Diana loved the contribution she was making.

It was Diana’s Frensham education that gave her the strength and underpinning to take on these tasks during times of great stress and despair—and succeed.

Following the war, Diana broke new ground in the world of commerce, training staff in the use of textiles, such as the revolutionary new



Diana Jenkins with Felicity Cavill (1975) at Frensham Fellowship AGM, June 2010.

product—nylon! She is almost certainly one of the first Frensham girls to have gone into business on the managerial side.

In 1961 Diana became Headmistress of the Middle School. Her wider view of the world after the War experience provided an extraordinary education for Frensham girls at that time. Diana was also the driving force behind the fundraising for Clubbe Hall.

Moving back to the UK she became Secretary of London Fellowship and remained involved with Fellowship there for nearly 50 years.

Diana used whatever resources she had, to help improve the world. She was exceptionally good at getting herself and others involved in issues that mattered, and doing things that hadn’t been done before.

After her death, Diana made a bequest to support the enrolment of children who could not afford to stay at Frensham.

When women thrive, their families and communities thrive, and that is reflected in stronger societies. Diana’s Frensham friendships, and the heart to give, have turned into something incredible.

Diana Jenkins’ legacy?
A true philanthropic partnership is having a life-changing impact on those who benefit from it.
What will be your legacy?



WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

Different ways you can remember Frensham Schools in your Will, include:

A percentage of your estate

This ensures that, even if your assets increase or decrease in value, the bequest you wish to leave will adjust accordingly.

A monetary gift

The nominated sum will pass to Frensham.

A specific gift of another type of asset

It is a good idea to share your intentions with us so we can ensure your wishes are properly honoured. Examples are **shares, art or property**.

The residue of your estate

After other gifts in your Will have been made, some or all of the remainder of your estate passes to Frensham Schools.



LEGAL WORDING

We would like to make the process easy for you, with this recommended wording. It is important that your wording clearly expresses your wishes and we suggest if you are creating or updating your Will, you consult with your legal advisor.

‘I give to Winifred West Schools Foundation Ltd ABN 53 001 862 102 for its general purposes, [insert as applicable]

The sum of \$ OR

..... percentage of my estate OR

[Insert details of the specific asset you wish to leave] OR

The whole of my estate OR

The residue of my estate.

AND I declare that the written acknowledgement of the Secretary or other proper officer of Winifred West Schools Foundation shall be accepted by my trustee as a full and complete discharge and that my trustee shall not be bound to see application thereof.’



“Each generation has its dreams
of what the world might be ...
you are needed,
your integrity is needed,
your vitality is needed, and
your dreams are needed ...”
~ Winifred West, 1945

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Thank you for trusting us
by considering a gift in
your Will, ensuring that our
Schools continue to thrive; we
appreciate the significance of your
decision.

- You can be confident you will be providing a lasting legacy that is highly valued and will have a positive impact on future generations.
- We will host a special event annually for Custodians of The Winifred West Legacy, as well as invite our Custodians to other events throughout the year.
- We would like to know of your intention to leave a legacy in your Will, so that we can understand what you would like to achieve with your gift, and ensure we honour your wishes.

- We respect that you may prefer to remain anonymous and, if so, any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential.
- We promise that your generous gift will be utilised effectively and respectfully, because The Winifred West Legacy is about longevity, integrity and prudent management of funds.

**We look forward to inviting you
to become a Custodian of
The Winifred West Legacy**



For more information on how your gift may benefit your loved ones, future generations and Frensham Schools, please contact:

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