



# St Mary's College

PRIDE IN THE PAST, FAITH IN THE FUTURE

## A FAMILY REMEMBERS

GRADE five girls at St Mary's College recently heard first-hand how much their school has changed during the past 80 years.

Student Rachel Killworth, 11, is the third generation of her family to attend the college.

She is following in the steps of her mother, Jennifer Killworth, and grandmother Muriel Killworth, 87.

Muriel came to the college in 1928 and stayed until 1937 when she was 16 years old.

She loved sewing classes and walking home for lunch.

Muriel also has fond memories of sports days, including running and basketball, but she recalls how difficult it was to compete in her box-pleated, navy blue skirt which reached to her ankles.

She also remembers the nights before sporting events when she would sew her house colour ribbons (orange and black) to the bottom of her school dress, only to remove them again after competing.

Muriel said she remembers playing Kings of Arabia (Kings



**PAST AND PRESENT:** Three generations of St Mary's students from left, Muriel Killworth, Rachel Killworth and Jennifer Killworth.

and Queens) and draping mountains of materials over her friends to take them to the wonderful world of make-believe at lunchtime.

But she has not so fond memories of the cane.

Jennifer remembers the cane too!

"I can remember getting the cane because I wrote with my left hand," Jennifer said.

"I'd get the cane until I wrote with my right hand."

A lot has changed at St Mary's College since 1928.

Pounds, shillings and pence have become dollars and cents, principals have come and gone, and computers are an essential component in most classrooms.

## Former student's fond reflection

STUDENTS at St Mary's College have been encouraged to aim high with their mind and heart by Lisa Singh MHA.

Ms Singh attended the college from 1977 to 1987 and has gone on to achieve great things, including being named Hobart's Citizen of the Year in 2004 for her peace activism against the war in Iraq.

Lisa is currently the president of the United Nations Association (Tasmania Divi-

sion), and is serving as a Labor member of the Tasmanian Parliament.

She recently returned to her old stomping ground to share the values she gained from her years at St Mary's with the current students.

"I learnt compassion, equality and wisdom from my years at St Mary's," Ms Singh said.

"Some words of wisdom to the students were 'No matter what you do, make sure you put in 100 percent'."

Ms Singh's own words of advice were: "wherever the journey of your life takes you, remember to have fun, and remember that even if someone disagrees with you, respect their opinion".

Ms Singh is passionate about helping others, especially the less fortunate in society.

While she has achieved many of her goals, there is one major goal she hopes to

achieve in the near future — to go sky diving!

Lisa also spoke of fond memories of her favourite teachers.

One teacher she felt particularly inspired by was Mrs Pritchard who is remembered simply as Mrs P.

The girls all feel privileged to have met Lisa and have been inspired by her enthusiasm and zest for life.

## SCHOOL TALK

### Should homework be banned?

**Mr Tom Dorey (Principal)** — Homework can develop some excellent life skills over time, but needs to be balanced with the opportunity for relaxation and personal space.



**Kaoru Sherriff (Assistant to the Principal)** — I don't think homework should be banned, but there should be a limit on how much is set. It needs to be appropriate to the curriculum and relevant to the students' learning.



**Anita Verasdonck (Parent)** — The kids would like it banned! I think it establishes a routine and encourages organisation, but I don't think they should have too much.



**Elise Clark (School Prefect)** — I think that if you don't get your work done in school time you should do it for homework. Otherwise, if you have finished everything, you should have the night off.



**Sophie Shackcloth (Grade 8)** — Yes, because we do enough work at school and our parents pay for us to do work at school not to come home and do it!



**Mikaela Mulvaney (Grade 5)** — I don't think it should be banned. I quite enjoy doing some homework after school. Sometimes it's fun to show mum and dad what were doing at school.



**Marietta Rigoli (Grade 3)** — Yes, I think homework should be banned, because it's a waste of time.



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