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On the cover: Estella Society Founding Member Susan Renouf (1964)

'We warmly invite you to actively contribute to the future of Star of the Sea College. Since the Presentation Sisters established the school in 1883, Star of the Sea College has proudly educated and empowered thousands of young women to live by our motto, 'Facta non Verba' – Deeds not Words.

As a cherished member of our community, whether as a past student or parent, you have likely experienced the lasting influence of a Star education and the meaningful connections it fosters. Now you have the opportunity to help preserve this remarkable legacy for future generations.'

Mary O'Connor, Principal

Join us in shaping the future in girls' education

Including Star of the Sea College in your Will is a meaningful way to ensure that future generations of students continue to benefit from the outstanding education we provide. As we grow to meet the needs of today's learners, your generosity will support the upkeep and advancement of our facilities, programs, and resources, keeping Star at the leading edge of education.

The Presentation Sisters, our founders, were passionate about the transformative power of educating young women. Their remarkable legacy, embodied in our Heritage buildings and the beloved Martin Street site, has touched thousands of lives. Now, we are called to preserve and enhance these spaces with the same dedication, so they continue to inspire and serve generations to come.

By making Star of the Sea College a part of your legacy, you can create a lasting impact and play a crucial role in securing the future of our vibrant community.

Our College Mission

Star of the Sea College educates young people spiritually, academically, physically and creatively in the Presentation tradition. We strive to empower young people to engage in critical reflection, leading to positive action for our world.

Recognising your gift:

The Estella Society

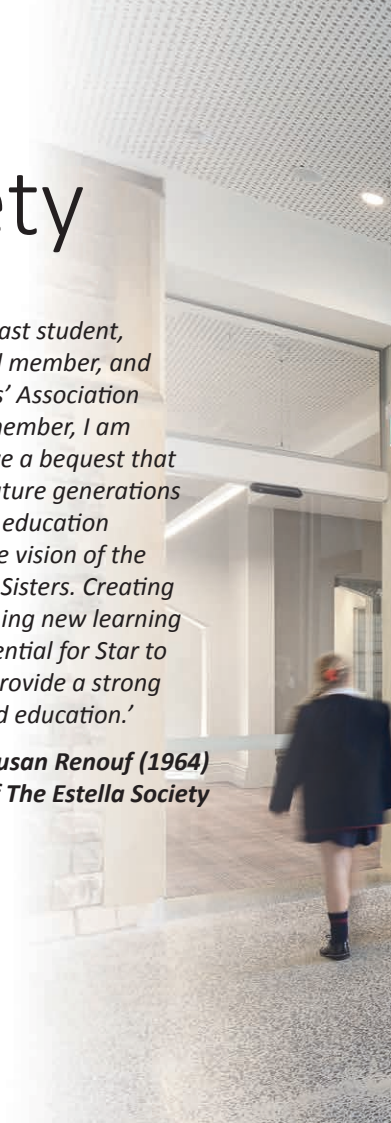
When you tell us that you have included Star in your Will, we will welcome you to the Estella Society. The Estella Society honours those who have made this commitment to the future of Star of the Sea College. 'Estella,' meaning 'Star' in Latin, reflects our appreciation for your foresight in securing the future of our school.

As a member, you'll be acknowledged and thanked for your generosity. Your support can be anonymous if you wish. You will not need to disclose the amount of your bequest to Star and every donation, large or small, makes a meaningful difference.

By joining the Estella Society, you'll also gain access to exclusive events and strengthen connections within our community. Your bequest helps shape the future of Star of the Sea College - let us honour your legacy.

'As a proud past student, former Board member, and Past Students' Association Committee member, I am proud to leave a bequest that will enable future generations to receive an education that fulfils the vision of the Presentation Sisters. Creating and maintaining new learning spaces is essential for Star to continue to provide a strong well-balanced education.'

Susan Renouf (1964)
Member of The Estella Society



There are many ways you can support Star of the Sea College, now, and in the future.

You can:

- Donate to bursaries for students who need financial support
- Pass on gifts, for example artwork or real estate
- Support our annual Giving Day
- Donate to our Building Fund
- Volunteer your time and expertise
- Nominate Star in your Will

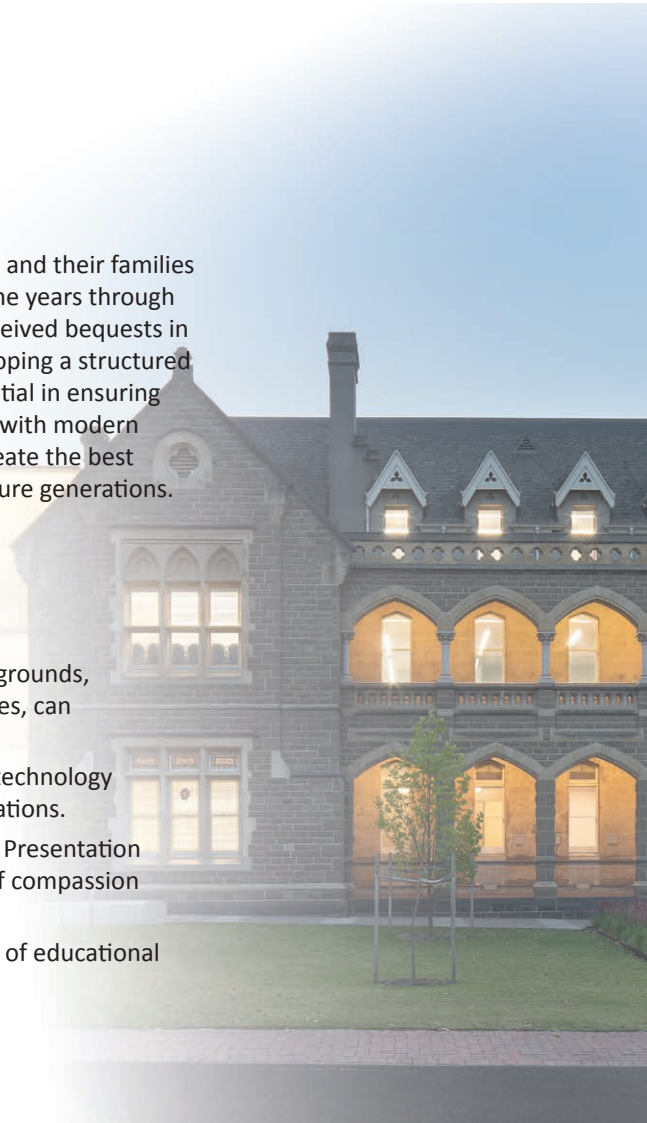
Type of gift	Impact timing	How It helps
Gift in Will	Long-term future	Contributes to the future of the College
Building Fund donation	Immediate, medium and long-term	Upgrades facilities for students
Volunteering	Immediate, medium and long-term	Supports the College community
In-kind gifts – art, property	Immediate, medium and long-term	Enriches learning spaces
Bursary donations	Immediate, medium	Support students to attend the College

Ways to give

Want to create an impact now?
Visit **starmelb.catholic.edu.au**
or scan the QR code.

Why your support matters

The generosity of Star's past students and their families has supported our community over the years through bequests and donations. We have received bequests in the past and this is why we are developing a structured bequest program. Bequests are essential in ensuring our buildings and facilities keep pace with modern education. Your legacy will help us create the best possible learning environment for future generations.



Your gift will:

- Ensure that students from all backgrounds, regardless of financial circumstances, can attend and thrive at Star.
- Help us upgrade our facilities and technology to meet the needs of future generations.
- Honour the enduring legacy of the Presentation Sisters by fostering a community of compassion and excellence for years to come.
- Enable Star to stay at the forefront of educational excellence by meeting the evolving expectations of families.

Your impact on our future

The Star bursary and building programs have been supported by bequests over the years and this has led to significant developments at Star that otherwise would have been out of reach. As we look to the future, we continue to rely on the support of our community to help us improve and expand our facilities, ensuring Star remains a vibrant and modern learning environment for generations to come.

Stories of those who have been helped...

"Growing up in a single parent home was difficult financially. Star listened to our story and supported me for the entirety of my secondary journey by substantially discounting fees. Without this help I would not have been able to attend this amazing school for which I will be forever grateful."

Felicia Welstead (1990)

"Star supported us when our family faced tough times and we benefited from the opportunities opened up to us through education. The friendships we made remain some of our closest. Now, we truly appreciate the Presentation Sisters' mission. Investing in the education of women and girls is a powerful way to pay it forward, and we are forever grateful."

Anna (1992 and Star parent) and Kate Box (1990)

How to include Star in your Will

If you are considering including Star in your Will, we suggest you consider the following:

1. **Discuss with your family:** Ensure your family understands your intentions and wishes.
2. **Financial and legal advice:** Seek independent professional advice if needed to align your plans with your financial goals.
3. **Allocate your Estate:** After providing for your loved ones, you can designate a portion of your estate to Star of the Sea College. This could be a specific amount, a percentage, or a gift in kind like property or artwork.
4. **Choose the type of gift:** Decide if you want your gift to be unrestricted, designated for financial needs-based bursaries, or allocated for building projects – it's entirely up to you.
5. **Update your Will:** If you already have a Will, you can add a codicil to include your bequest to Star of the Sea College.

Frequently asked questions

Is my bequest still valuable if it's not large?

Absolutely, as even modest bequests can make a significant impact over time. With proper management, your gift can grow and contribute greatly to Star, supporting future generations.

Should I leave a specific amount or a percentage of my estate?

Leaving a percentage of your estate maintains the real value of your gift over time and avoids the need for frequent updates to your Will.

How can I include Star of the Sea College in my Will?

You can specify a particular amount, a percentage of your estate, or a gift in kind like property or artwork. Consult with our Development and Communications Manager for guidance.

Can I choose how my bequest will be used?

Yes, you can direct your bequest to specific areas such as financial aid, building projects, or general support. Your gift can be unrestricted or designated for particular purposes.

What are the benefits of an unrestricted gift?

An unrestricted gift provides flexibility, allowing the school to allocate funds where they are most needed at the time. This helps address urgent priorities and support emerging needs.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a way to ensure my bequest is used according to my wishes?

Yes, by discussing your intentions with our Development and Communications Manager, you can ensure your gift is managed and used as you intended.

What if my circumstances change and I need to adjust my bequest?

You can revise your bequest by updating your Will or codicil as your circumstances or intentions change.

How will my bequest be acknowledged?

When you advise us that you have included Star in your Will you will be acknowledged and thanked through the Estella Society.

Can I remain anonymous with my bequest?

Yes, you can choose to remain anonymous. Just let us know your preference when you make your bequest.

Are there tax benefits to making a bequest?

Bequests may offer tax benefits by reducing the value of your estate subject to tax as Star of the Sea College is a non-profit organisation. Please contact your financial advisor for specific details.

How can I learn more about bequests?

Visit our website to find out more or contact our Development and Communications Manager.

Bequest – Gift in your Will

If you have included a gift to Star of the Sea College in your Will, please tell us by completing this form. This is not legally binding but it serves as a statement of your current intentions. It does not restrict your ability to amend your Will in the future.

I confirm that I have included a gift for Star of the Sea College in my Will to support:

- ☐ The Star of the Sea College Bursary Fund
- ☐ The Star of the Sea College Building Fund
- ☐ Star of the Sea College for general purposes

We warmly invite you to join the Estella Foundation, which recognises and honours those who have chosen to leave a bequest to Star of the Sea College.

You'll be welcomed into The Estella Society with gratitude and connection.

First Name _____ **Surname** _____

Name at School _____

Address _____

_____

Phone _____ **Mobile** _____

Email _____

If you would like to share the value of your gift, or the proportion of your estate, confidentially, please complete the section below:

☐ **Amount** _____ ☐ **% of estate** _____

☐ I prefer to keep the details of my gift private

☐ Please contact me to discuss my gift

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Jenni Tucker, Development & Communications Manager at Star of the Sea College
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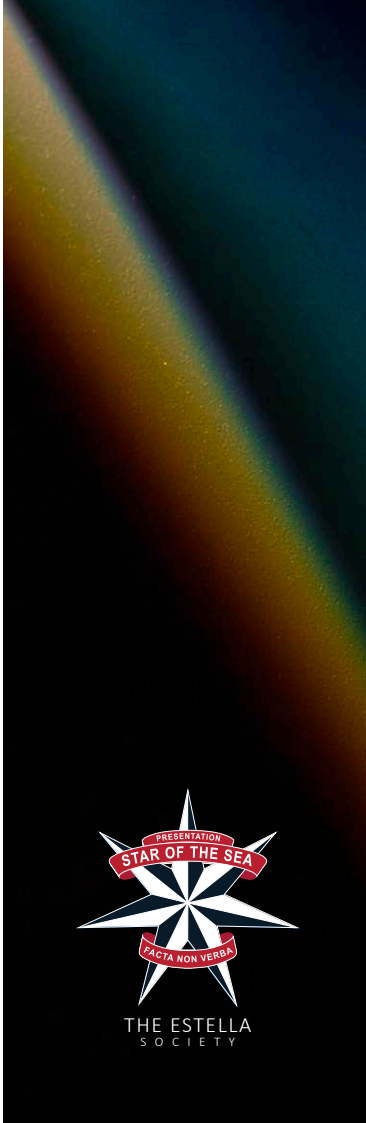

Make a difference today and tomorrow

Whether you're ready to include Star in your Will, or you feel called to make an immediate contribution, your generosity lights the path forward for the next generation of women leaders.

Thank you for considering a gift to Star of the Sea College.

If you have any questions, please contact us to chat about what matters most to you:

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