

Past Pupils of Distinction

Dinner 2019

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Kilbreda College



Kilbreda Women Making a Difference



In August 2016, the Past Pupils' Network Committee launched the Past Pupils of Distinction. Through this program we aim to recognise past pupils who have achieved outstanding success and excellence in their fields of endeavour, have made a positive difference in the lives of others and embody the Brigidine and Kilbreda motto of *Strength and Kindliness*. As a school community we are inspired by the life and ministry of Brigid of Kildare, a woman of strength and compassion, who instils in us a strong commitment to justice and equality, peace and reconciliation. Kilbreda women are called to follow in her footsteps, be women of action and make a difference!

The Past Pupils' Network Committee and Stewardship Council members sincerely thank all those who nominated alumnae for induction into the Kilbreda College Past Pupils of Distinction. The nominations submitted were of significant calibre, breadth and number. We congratulate all nominees and inductees on this significant recognition of the contribution they have made to the wider community since graduating from Kilbreda.

This evening we honour and celebrate these inspirational women and all they have achieved and we look forward to the future nomination of others whose stories can be shared and celebrated in years to come.



INDUCTEES

The Kilbreda College Community congratulates and is honoured to present the following four remarkable women as the 2019 inductees to the Past Pupils of Distinction:

Margaret (Maggie) Fitzgibbon OAM

Laura John

Doctor Bridie Kean

Katrina Leason

What you are others who come after you will be

Daniel Delany
Founder of the Sisters of St. Brigid





Margaret (Maggie)
Fitzgibbon OAM
Class of 1945

Maggie Fitzgibbon has enjoyed a remarkable career as a singer and performer with much of her success occurring in the United Kingdom, where the list of people she worked with reads like a *'Who's Who'* of the period. The names include Noel Coward, Danny La Rue, Benny Hill, Morecombe and Wise, Ronnie Corbett, Tony Hancock, Max Bygraves, Jule Styne, Richard Rodgers and Stephen Sondheim.

Maggie was born in 1929 into a family of performers. She attended Kilbreda in the late 30s and early 40s (finishing at Year 10 in 1943), while her brother Graeme, known as 'Smacka', attended St Bede's College, Mentone. Whilst at Kilbreda, Maggie took part in any sort of performance that she could. On leaving, Maggie, who had trained as an operatic soprano under Signor Rebattaro, performed on the Tivoli Circuit from 1946, followed by an experience on Sydney radio with Jack Davey.

After finding fame in J. C. Williamson's production of *'Kiss Me Kate'* in 1952, the first J. C. Williamson musical theatre show produced in Melbourne, she headed for London. Here, she became a regular in pantomimes, performed in cabaret, played the female lead in the TV series, *'The Newcomers'* and appeared in the first Australian Independent film directed by Bruce Beresford, *'Sunstruck'*, where she starred opposite Harry Secombe. Maggie also appeared in many command performances and hosted her own show, *'Maggie's Place'*. Here, she took the opportunity to promote Australian talent such as *'The Seekers'*.

In 1978, Maggie returned to Australia and purchased a property in North East Victoria. She became involved in her local community. She found the plight of homeless and jobless young people a particular challenge that she wanted to solve. *"I couldn't go to sleep at night, knowing that kids were without a place to sleep"*, she said recently. Maggie provided a cottage on her property for them to undergo rehabilitation during which time they were invited to dine with her at her homestead.

Maggie also served on the local council, was the first female President of a branch of the Farmer's Federation and Secretary of the 'Save the Children' Foundation. In 2002, she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community. Coincidentally, her long-time friend and former Kilbreda classmate Joyce McGrath, was a recipient at the same ceremony. Today Maggie lives in Corowa NSW.



Laura John
Class of 2007

Laura is a Senior Lawyer at Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) with a practice in constitutional law, migration law and international law. In this position, she has advised on the development of significant Commonwealth policy and reform including the Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage, the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse and Tobacco Control.

Laura is currently completing a Master of International Law through Australian National University. This year, she received the *Kirsten Sjolander Memorial Prize for Advanced International Human Rights Law* and was also the recipient of the *2018 George Witynski SC Academic Scholarship*, honouring the legacy of Witynski, a long time AGS lawyer whom the Sydney Morning Herald called "*one of the finest government lawyers of his generation*".

In 2014, Laura was selected as the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations (UN), the only role of its kind in the country. Laura also undertakes a pro bono secondment to the Women's Legal Centre ACT and also volunteers regularly at the Consumer Law Centre ACT. She has previously volunteered with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne and Human Rights First in New York, assisting asylum seekers and refugees to seek protection.

Since graduating in 2007, Laura has gained experience with various UN agencies; including as a consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva and as a speaker at both the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's Global Citizenship Education Forum in Paris and the World Education Forum in South Korea.

Laura is currently the National President of the UN Association of Australia (UNAA) Young Professional's Network and represents the Young Professional's Network as a Director on the UNAA National Board.

In recognition of her contribution to the community, Laura has been awarded *Victorian Youth Representative – National Youth Week* (2011), *Young Citizen of the Year – City of Kingston* (2013), *Sri Lankan Youth of the Year – Australia* (2014) and *Graduate of the Year – Australian Public Service* (2015).



Doctor Bridie Kean
Class of 2004

Bridie contracted Meningococcal Septicaemia at the age of two and her feet were amputated as a result of numerous orthopaedic surgeries. Being unable to participate in sport caused her great frustration. In her second year at Kilbreda, Bridie attended the 2000 Paralympic Games as a spectator and was exposed to the game she loved, basketball, being played within a wheelchair. This was a life changing moment for Bridie. In response to her nomination Bridie stated, *“Discovering wheelchair basketball not only introduced me to a sport, but to role models who made me realise that as people with disabilities we are just as capable of training hard and working toward our sporting goals as everyone else”*.

Bridie took up wheelchair basketball in 2000 and was a member of the Paralympic Bronze Medal Team at Beijing. By 2012, she was captain of the Australian Paralympic Women’s Basketball team in London where they won a silver medal. She competed in the World Championships in 2014 and was training for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, however, the team failed to qualify. Bridie then took up canoeing and won gold in the Para Mixed V12 500m and the Para Mixed V6 1000m finals at the 2016 Va’a Federation World Elite and Club Sprint Championships.

Bridie has gone on to achieve a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois, a Master in Public Health from the University of Queensland and in 2018 was awarded a PhD from the University of the Sunshine Coast. Whilst at Illinois, Bridie had the opportunity to pursue both her sporting goals and education within a program that enabled students to strive in both pursuits at the same time. While undertaking her PhD at the University of the Sunshine Coast she was also able to balance training for the Australian Wheelchair Basketball Team with her PhD research.

Bridie has managed the University of the Sunshine Coast Sports Elite and Education Dual Stream (USC SEEDS) program, Australia’s first university program to intentionally support athletes with a disability to pursue sport and tertiary education. Bridie’s work at the University focusses on the health benefits of sport for people with a disability. Bridie is also the President of the Suncoast Spinners.

In recognition of the courage and compassion Bridie demonstrated as a student at Kilbreda, an award in her honour is presented to a Year 8 student at Kilbreda each year who demonstrates the same qualities.



Katrina Leason
(née O'Donnell)
Class of 1977

Katrina had over 25 years' experience, working with and for, all levels of government and community organisations to create healthy, inclusive environments and constantly strove to improve outcomes for women, particularly in relation to violence against women.

Most recently, Katrina worked as a Councillor Advocate for the Royal Women's Hospital. Throughout her career, she led a number of key initiatives with organisations including AFL Victoria (VicHealth), Victoria Police and South East Centre Against Sexual Assault (Monash Health), to provide support and improve community partnerships. Much of her work across these organisations involved crisis counselling for victims of violence, crime and abuse. Katrina was always working to protect the most vulnerable in society.

As AFL Victoria's Fair Game Respect Matters Program Manager, Katrina successfully developed and implemented a 'Respect and Responsibility' training package which reached 15,000 club members across three leagues and 93 clubs. She believed that increasing the participation of women in football was key to the cultural change needed in community football clubs to prevent violence against women and girls. "*The cause*", as she referred to it, to increase women and girls' participation in grass roots football is alive and thriving now. Katrina's policies and research have been implemented to ensure football clubs become strong role models for the community and have significant capacity to promote gender equitable inclusive environments.

Another of Katrina's notable achievements was as a founding member of a collective of young women who in the mid-eighties came together and established a refuge for young women who were victims of incest, known as 'Zelda's Place'. At her living wake in May, Katrina was honoured by this collective with the inaugural *Zelda D'Aprano Lifetime Achievement Award* to acknowledge her tireless work in contributing to the elimination of violence against women.

Katrina, after living the Kilbreda motto of *Strength and Kindliness* and working in so many ways to contribute to making a difference in the lives of others, particularly women, lost a tough battle with cancer on Wednesday 29 May 2019.



NOMINEES

The Kilbreda College Community congratulates the following notable alumnae on their nomination as a Past Pupil of Distinction:

Doctor Madeleine Buck

Suzie Byrne

Simone De La Rue

Noeleen Dix AM

Morag Fraser AM

Doctor Mauricette Hamilton (*née* Duffy)

Kate Ingram (*née* Smyth)

Doctor Rosemarie Joyce csb

Angela Nolan

Beverley O'Callaghan (*née* Cullen)

Marcella Reiter (*née* McMahon)

Doctor Amy Swanson

Do everything in a spirit of holy love and you will not find your hands empty at journey's end.

Daniel Delany
Founder of the Sisters of St. Brigid



Doctor Madeleine Buck

Class of 2009

Maddy has fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a Doctor having completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery with Honours at Monash University. Once qualified, Maddy entered into medical practice and after working as a Surgical Resident has commenced provisional training in neurosurgery working as a Registrar at St Vincent's Hospital. Neurosurgery is her passion and Maddy is working towards obtaining entry into the College of Surgeons. In addition to her Bachelor degrees, Maddie has also completed a Graduate Diploma of Surgical Anatomy and is currently undertaking a Masters of Surgery.

Maddy has completed research in the area of patient outcomes after hip surgery and myocardial infarction and is currently researching patient experiences and outcomes following back surgery, in an attempt to improve the patient experience and ensure that quality patient centred care is being provided. She is also active in teaching medical students and nursing staff through hospital placements and universities.

Cricket is another passion of Maddy's both on and off the field. She is a member of the Kingston Heath Club and volunteers as Senior Vice President. Maddy is also an accredited coach so has much to offer her club. She is passionate about getting children, particularly young girls, involved in playing and enjoying cricket. Kingston Heath is leading the Kingston community in female participation and growth, which Maddy is very proud of. In her response to her nomination, Maddy wrote, *"I really enjoy this role as it allows me to give a little back to the club community that gave me so many opportunities as a younger person and I can help to shape where the club is headed"*.

Maddy intends to continue to pursue neurosurgical training in order to become a consultant Neurosurgeon and pursue further research goals whilst still finding time to see family and friends and play cricket.



Suzie Byrne

Class of 1998

Suzie is a local artist who has achieved success in her field as an illustrator. Her work encompasses many illustration styles from cartoon to realism in many different mediums: watercolour, acrylic, oils and digital work using Photoshop and Illustrator. Suzie has illustrated numerous children's books and book covers. Some of her more recognisable commercial work includes Cadbury 'Freddo Frog', Cadbury 'Mini Bites', Peters 'Maxibon', Aldi's in store Easter promotions and the Mary MacKillop commemorative plate, cup and port bottle.

Suzie's most celebrated work is her depiction of the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Cheltenham. Parish priest, Fr Peter Matheson, commissioned Suzie to create a set of new Stations of the Cross for the Church giving her complete creative control of the project. Her striking and dramatic artwork is displayed in the Church, on the sidewall overlooking the altar and the assembled congregation. The story of this artwork was published as both a book and DVD, which tell the story of the project in words, music and images, and features interviews with both Fr Peter and Suzie. Her wonderful work also featured in Melbourne Catholic, and can be seen on their website.

Suzie's commitment to her local community is interesting and varied. She holds the position of Vice President for the Swim 4 Special Needs Foundation; helping special needs children access swimming lessons. She is also a volunteer at Dromkeen Children's Book Art Gallery and Museum, where she presents sessions to the public explaining and demonstrating how to illustrate children's books. She has also shared the process of creating the Stations of the Cross paintings with senior primary students. Another area of interest for Suzie is her great passion for animals. She has volunteered at RSPCA Burwood working in the kennel section and has been a temporary puppy raiser for Guide Dogs Victoria.



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Simone De La Rue

Class of 1992

Simone began training in classical ballet at the age of three and was a celebrated dancer during her time at Kilbreda College, appearing in many of the school productions. After leaving Kilbreda, Simone enjoyed a successful dance career spanning two decades, which included performances on Broadway, London's West End and in Australia.

After retiring from dance, Simone made a natural transition to the fitness industry. As a 'National Academy of Sports Medicine' certified personal trainer, she began with a loyal base of celebrity clients, and was able to expand Body by Simone (BBS) into her studios in New York and Los Angeles, and her first international studio in London that opened early 2019. Simone is also a 'PRONatal' Pre/Post natal exercise specialist.

Simone's initial desire to create a revolutionary exercise technique was to assist her clients in the prevention of injuries. By creating a technique based on the foundation of dance, her clients could avoid habitual wear and tear and avoid the boredom that can come with traditional exercise. Simone's new technique led to the growth of both the BBS brand and her reputation as one of Hollywood's hottest fitness experts.

Simone continues to teach sold out pop up classes in Australia, Ireland, and London, while overseeing the national operation of BBS. She is also a principal trainer in the E! Channel's *'Revenge Body with Khloé Kardashian'*. Simone has six DVDs, her own shoe line with Newton Running and is the author of *'Body By Simone - The 8-Week Total Body Makeover Plan'*. Most recently, Simone has launched the highly anticipated, BBS App, with revolutionary Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

In 2019, Simone gave birth to her first child. She resides in Los Angeles but considers herself a member of the global village.



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Noeleen Dix AM

Class of 1974

On leaving Kilbreda, Noeleen completed a Diploma of Primary Education and held a teaching position for five years. In the years that followed, Noeleen pursued her interest in netball excelling both on and off the court. She represented Victoria at National Netball Championships and in 1981, she made her debut for Australia playing in the Netball tri-series against England and New Zealand.

From 1995 to 2006, Noeleen held numerous senior management and executive roles at both state and national levels.

In 2006, Noeleen was appointed as President of Netball Australia, a role she held for ten years. She was instrumental in establishing the ANZ Championship and was part of the bid team that secured the 2015 Netball World Cup in Sydney. Noeleen was also Australia's International Delegate to the International Netball Federation (INF) Board at three International Congress Meetings and Honorary Secretary of the Asian Netball Region. She contributed to Australia achieving the position of No.1 in the world winning Netball World Cups – 2007, 2011 and 2015 and winning a Commonwealth Games Gold Medal in 2014.

Noeleen has been recognised for her incredible career in netball as a player, coach and administrator and has received a number of awards including: The Confederation of Australian Sport *Sport Administrator of the Year* award, the Australian Institute of Sport *Sport Performance - Service to Sport* award, Netball Victoria's *Hall of Fame* award, Netball Australia's *Service* award and in 2016, Noeleen was inducted into the Victorian Honour Role of Women .

Noelene's passion and contribution to netball at local, state and national levels has benefitted and encouraged thousands of girls and women over a number of years to play and enjoy netball. Her service in this sport was recognised in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List when she was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).



Morag Fraser AM

Class of 1962

Morag is an accomplished Australian journalist. She is a writer, newspaper columnist, and a leading Australia literary commentator. Morag holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from The University of Melbourne, and both a Master of Arts and Diploma of Education from La Trobe University.

From 1991 to 2003 Morag was the Editor of 'Eureka Street' magazine and it was during this time that the magazine received a prestigious *Walkley Award*. She has also been an adjunct professor in Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University and a secondary school teacher.

Morag has been a panel member and judge of many literary awards including the *Age Book of The Year*, the *Victorian Premier Literary awards*, the *Alan Marshall Short Story Award*, *National Biography Award* and the *Miles Franklin Award*. She has also been Chair, interviewer and panellist of the Melbourne Writers' Festival and a guest speaker at many other writers' festivals.

Morag's broadcasting contributions include a regular political commentary spot on Melbourne's 3LO radio with Randal Macdonald and Robert Manne, a conversation hour host with John Faine and occasional appearances on many other ABC and community radio programs around the country.

Morag has been a member of many boards and groups including the Brigidine Sponsorship Group, Kilbreda College Stewardship Council, the Victoria Law Foundation Board, the Australian Book Review Board, the Art Monthly Australasia Magazine Board, the Adelaide Festival of Ideas Board, the Victorian Free Speech Committee, the Australian Health Ethics Committee, the MacKillop Family Services Board and the Melbourne Autumn Music Festival board.

In 2004, for services to journalism, Morag was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).



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Doctor Mauricette Hamilton (née Duffy)

Class of 1962

Mauricette Hamilton has extensive teaching and consulting experience in primary and secondary schools. She held curriculum leadership positions in schools and in the Catholic Education Office in the Diocese of Ballarat, where she coordinated the School Review Process from 2002 to 2006. From 1992 to 2000, Mauricette was a VCE Dance Assessor and from 2000 to 2004, she was a member of the VCE Dance Examination Working Party. During this time, she developed and taught VCE Dance Styles Units 1 and 2.

Academically, Mauricette completed her Masters in Education and Theology and Doctoral Research in Education. An understanding of connectedness, empowerment and learning always underpinned her teaching and academic career. While this understanding developed over time, Mauricette believes that the manner in which she felt connected to the learning community at Kilbreda as a student empowered her to learn then and throughout her life. Through this understanding and experience, she was inspired and empowered to work with others to make a difference. Her research and writing allowed her to listen intently to the voices of students and teachers to better understand their perception of factors that enabled or impeded student learning. Mauricette's articles are published both in Australia and internationally.

From 2007 to 2016, Mauricette operated her own Education Consultancy in Catholic, Independent and Government Schools. During this time, Mauricette was a member of the Worawa Academic Reference Group and she maintains a sincere interest in the education of Indigenous people. In June 2015, Mauricette presented her findings from the research project, *'Walking together to make a difference: A case study of Worawa Aboriginal College'*. The findings from this project are currently being incorporated into an international publication.



Kate Ingram (née Smyth)

Class of 1993

Kate Ingram has contributed tirelessly to her family and local community over the past 18 years. Her two sons are autistic, developmentally delayed and non-verbal and her passion is supporting them and the structures that are in place to assist them in their daily lives. Kate has given up her career as a hairdresser to focus on this.

Kate is heavily involved in supporting Yarrabah School, a school that caters for students that have mild to severe intellectual disabilities. Her sons have attended Yarrabah and she has been highly motivated to contribute to the school community. She has spent 14 years on the Yarrabah School Council and 11 years involved with fundraising. Her efforts have resulted in doubling the school's fundraising efforts! Kate also volunteers in Yarrabah's canteen and is leading the canteen refurbishment project.

Kate extends her community involvement to supporting seniors with a disability. She contributes to and participates in life skills with seniors and volunteers at OC Connections where her eldest son Jarrod attends. While Kate devotes most of her time now to her sons and their schools, she also cuts hair for children who have a phobia of going to the hairdresser.

Kate has represented Yarrabah School at Special Needs Forums with Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria, on three different occasions. She has advocated strongly for before and after school care at Yarrabah and as a result Yarrabah is one of only three schools to be included in a Before and After School Care pilot program. As an advocate for support programs for senior people in our community who live with a disability, she has also lodged her concerns regarding the lack of adult day programs in Victoria with Daniel Andrews.

Kate exemplifies *Strength and Kindness* every day, stating that working with children and adults with a disability is the highlight of her week.



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Angela Nolan

Class of 1986

Angela is the Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, a position she has held since 2018. Prior to this Angela was the Executive Director of Acute Services, having transitioned from the role of Executive Director People and Corporate Support in 2016. Angela has been instrumental in the streaming of functions and economics in healthcare. She led a series of initiatives to drive improved patient access and length of stay and management of elective surgery wait lists and activity. She also provided oversight of the development of a nursing workforce management plan designed to reduce clinical risk, more effectively manage salary and wages expenditure and improve productivity, whilst maintaining high standards of patient care.

Angela began her career as a Chartered Accountant at Arthur Andersen, working with organisations across a variety of industries, including healthcare, manufacturing, banking and finance and superannuation. In 1991/1992, she completed a professional year with the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Angela also holds a Graduate Diploma of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations from The University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Monash University.

Prior to her career at St Vincent's, Angela was Global Head of HR Advisory and Consulting with ANZ, where she led significant change programs that involved establishing new businesses, organisational redesign and restructuring, out and in-sourcing, offshoring, acquisitions, divestments and cost reduction.

Angela also holds director positions on many boards, which include the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, St Vincent's Institute of Research and The Akenhead Centre for Medical Discovery. She served for 10 years on the board of Inclusion Melbourne. In 2001, Angela was awarded the Australian Centenary Medal in recognition of her work with them.



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Beverley O'Callaghan (née Cullen)

Class of 1950

After leaving Kilbreda College in 1950, Bev entered the Brigidine Congregation where she took the name Sister Annetta. During this time Bev completed her teacher training gaining her Diploma in Primary Teaching. She was inspired by the Brigidine Sisters, who taught her at St Patrick's and Kilbreda, to become a teacher and was delighted that she achieved this dream.

During her 16 years as a Brigidine Sister, Bev undertook teaching and leadership roles in Catholic primary schools around Melbourne. After teaching for a number of years at St Joseph's Primary in Springvale she took on the role of Principal and from there undertook two further Principalship positions firstly at St Michael's in Traralgon followed by St Augustine's in Maryborough.

On leaving the Brigidine Congregation, Bev moved to Perth where she continued her commitment to Catholic education taking positions in teaching and at the Catholic Education and Catholic Pastoral Institute as Teacher Adviser to catechists and teachers in Catholic schools. During this time, Bev married and had a son.

Bev is honoured to be nominated as a Past Pupil of Distinction. In her response she wrote, *"I am now 86 years old but still constantly trying to live our beautiful motto of Strength and Kindliness. In fact just a couple of nights ago when my darling son, Jim rang me I asked him to make that the theme of his eulogy at my funeral. I will be with you in spirit on 9 August and I am sure it will be a wonderful and enjoyable occasion for you all"*.



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Marcella Reiter (née McMahon)
Class of 1978

Marcella Reiter is an experienced teacher, education consultant and psychologist and is the Managing Director of Magic Words International. Marcella holds a Bachelor of Education from ACU and Deakin University, a Bachelor of Arts (Psych Soc) from Monash University and a Graduate Diploma (Health Science) from The University of Melbourne.

Marcella is the inventor, creator and bestselling author of *M100W Magic Words*. *M100W Magic Words* are the most frequently used words in English and comprise a series of literacy resources designed to teach and assess students' mastery of the most important skills in learning to read and write. Marcella undertook a meta-analysis of world-wide research into high frequency words which produced the *M100W Magic Words* list of the top 300 words, which make up on average, 70% of all words used. A more recent study produced the *M100W Magic Words* Australian Benchmarks for Word Recognition. *M100W Magic Words* are now used internationally and in over 80% of Australian primary schools, currently ranking in the top ten literacy resources used in schools throughout Australia.

The worldwide enthusiasm for *M100W Magic Words* has led to numerous philanthropic projects in disadvantaged schools in India, Fiji, rural and regional Australia and support for a number of Indigenous communities. These projects continue to empower teachers and students within these areas to improve literacy rates and change the lives of many of the people. *M100W Magic Words* is used in detention and refugee camps; and in prisons and juvenile detention centres where more than 80% of inmates are illiterate. Marcella is passionate about assisting the poor and disadvantaged through education. Learning how to read and write dramatically alters the learning and life outcomes of individuals.

In 2019, Marcella was appointed as the Chair of the Kilbreda College Stewardship Council.



Doctor Amy Swanson

Class of 1997

Doctor Amy Swanson, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, prides herself on delivering safe and evidence-based woman-centred care. She holds the position of Senior Registrar in Women's Health at Frankston Hospital, the hospital where she was born.

Amy completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in 2001 at Monash University. In 2002, she completed an Honours Degree in Female Reproduction at Monash University and dual scholarship funded research in Maternal Fetal Medicine in 2003. In 2007, Amy completed a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery Degree at Australian National University with the sole purpose of specialising in Women's Health (FRANZCOG, 2019). Throughout her specialist training, Amy has published as first-author in the fields of Neonatology, Obstetrics and Paediatric Gynaecology.

On graduating from Kilbreda, Amy applied for and was accepted into an Arts/Science Degree as she planned to become an actor and it wasn't until she was undertaking research for her PhD that she changed her career plans. After seeing her first birth, Amy knew that this was what she wanted to do.

Amy takes particular interest in supporting her patients, taking into account emotional, physical and mental challenges that can present with pregnant women. She also educates pre-school and school age children, to learn more about their body and how it works and educates General Practitioners on common Women's Health issues, how to diagnose and manage them and on the resources offered in Women's Health at Frankston Hospital.

In addition to her role of doctor, Amy enjoys acting, tap dancing, painting, scuba diving, designing shoes, contributing to and supporting her childrens' school and local sporting associations. Amy looks forward to continuing to provide holistic care to pregnant women in her local community.



**Past Pupils of Distinction
Honour Roll**

2017

**Carol Gaston AM
Professor Judith Kinnear
Doctor Mayumi Purvis
The Honourable Chief Justice Marilyn Warren AC**

2019

**Maggie Fitzgibbon OAM
Laura John
Doctor Bridie Kean
Katrina Leason**

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With Thanks



Nicole Mangelsdorf, Principal, would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Past Pupils' Network Committee for their vision in establishing the Past Pupils of Distinction program and for their ongoing commitment towards strengthening the connections of alumnae to the College and each other.

Past Pupils' Network Committee members

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(Committee Chairperson)

Carolyn Callaghan

Pam Mornane

Maree Clark

Ashleigh Patogiannis

Suzanne Grima

Damian Smith

Kylie Montesanti

Peta Wragg

Thank you also to Andrew Whisson and Matthew Graham for their assistance with this evening's celebration.

Stay Connected



The Past Pupils' Network Committee assists in making and maintaining connections with past students and supporting year level reunions. The Committee meets regularly and welcomes new faces with fresh ideas.

Please contact Denise Leonard (Chairperson) on 0425 779 030 or at denise127@optusnet.com.au if you are interested in joining the Committee.

There are a number of ways you can stay in touch and up to date with Past Pupils' news:



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You may also wish to contact the Past Pupils' Network Committee, should you change any of your personal details and they will be updated in the database.

