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welcome TO AKAROA

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2019 Calendar of Events Semester Two

TERM THREE

Monday 22 July	Boarders return Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 23 July	CLASSES COMMENCE
Thursday 1 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 1
Tuesday 6 August	Formal Assembly
Thursday 15 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 2
Friday 16 August	CAPAD Presentation Evening
Monday 19 August	Trial HSC Examinations commence

Wednesday 28 August	IGSSA Athletics
Wednesday 11 September	Year 11 Yearly Examinations commence
Friday 13 September	Old Girls' Weekend
Saturday 14 September	NEGS Spring Ball
Thursday 19 September	IGSSA Finals
Monday 23 September	Year 11 Leadership Camp
Thursday 26 September	Valedictory Day LAST DAY TERM THREE

TERM FOUR

Monday 14 October	Boarders return
Tuesday 15 October	CLASSES COMMENCE
Thursday 17 October	HSC written examinations commence
Friday 22 November	Celebration of Sport
Saturday 23 November	Year 10 Semi-Formal
Monday 25 November	Year 10 Work Experience Year 9 camp departs
Thursday 5 December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 6 December	Year 7 - 11 Speech Day LAST DAY TERM FOUR



Principal's Welcome

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF AKAROA 2019.

As an educator, it is never lost on me the privilege it is to teach young people. Teaching is a vocation and neither begins nor ends, at the start/finish of a school day. In fact, most educators are constantly reassessing/reevaluating/reinvigorating their practice to ensure that they can be the very best facilitators in all types of learning. I see this in action every day at NEGS. So how do we know we have been successful and how do we measure this? That is a debate for the ages but one thing I do know is when I hear and see what our NEGS students do and how they conduct themselves, with a global focus and a selfless heart, that is success.

Having boarding students certainly deepens this resolve and I include for your interest some 2018 Australian Boarding Facts:

- 190 Boarding Schools in Australia
- Oldest boarding school is The King's School, Parramatta
- In 2018, NSW had the most boarders
- 51% of the boarding schools in Australia are co-educational, 21% are boys only and 28% are girls only
- Year 11 has the largest number of boarders with 4,413 students boarding
- In 2018, 13,103 boarders identify as rural and/or remote
- 3,361 Indigenous boarders
- 2,229 boarders joined Australian boarding programs from overseas in 2018
- 11,332 boys and 9,318 girls boarded in 2018 = 20,650 boarders which was down on 2017's figure of 22,485

Never before has the argument for single-sex schooling been so intense, and the evidence for girls only so relevant. A point well made by Ms Jane Lunon, Head Teacher, Wimbledon High School and a member of the Girls' Day School Trust in the UK, she believes that the "highly sexualised online environment that teens are growing up in today is relentless and far removed from parents' own school experiences. Our children inhabit a radically different world. Single-sex establishments provide time and space for girls in particular to hold on to their childhood a little longer, to find their voice and be comfortable in their own skin. So when they leave school at 18, they will be ready not only to hold their place in the world but to shake it up".

To that end, I include for you a portion of a speech delivered in our weekly school assembly by Year 12 student, Zara Blackmore. Zara is well placed to be an expert on all things NEGS as she has been with us since Transition in 2006. I think you will agree that her words are poignant and a resounding confirmation of the true spirit of NEGS. Here is one girl who will go out into the world and "shake it up".

".....I have learnt at NEGS that we are all worth so much more than the labels society gives us. We are more than just a series of numbers defining how worthy we are as individuals, we are more than the number of likes on an Instagram post and we are more than a band in NAPLAN or a rank in the HSC. What really measures who we are as people, is the ability to be compassionate, to be a caring friend and to show kindness to ourselves and others.

There's a wonderful quote which says "be kind; for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle". Some people hide their battles better than others, but what really matters is that we work as hard as we can to hold each other up. I was very lucky that I had a loyal group of supportive friends, teachers and family to help me get through my battles. I'm not telling you this for pity or sympathy, but instead to let you know that it really is ok not to be ok. The NEGS Community held out their hand to me when I was down; with compassion, care and kindness, to enable me to rise again.

What I've come to learn over my time at NEGS, is not just how to write a good analytical essay or understand Pythagoras (although those are very useful skills which I do now possess), but also the ability to form strong and lasting friendships, to know that your worth is so much more than a number you're given on a page and that with courage and perseverance we can all become the best people we can possibly be... Although my time at NEGS has never really involved a horse, or an IGSSA sport or whatever else people expect, my time at NEGS has taught me the skills I need to flourish in the world after school, and for that reason, I am truly proud to call myself a "NEGS Girl".

Finally, I commend to you another outstanding edition of Akaroa which captures other dimensions of life at NEGS, as well as many notable occasions and accomplishments.

MARY ANNE EVANS
NEGS Principal



The Cadzow family live 200km north east of Alice Springs

NEGS ONLINE DISTANCE Education

In 2019 NEGS is proud to formally launch our new NEGS Online Distance Education in Junior School.

Year 4 student Imogen Cadzow (pictured) lives 200km North East of Alice Springs.

In 2018 Imogen participated in a pilot of the program, live streaming into her classroom for the day, coming into the classroom for at least a week every term, for NAPLAN, carnivals and to catch up with her friends and teachers (and her big sisters Bridgette and Gabrielle in boarding!) Imogen even streams into music lessons, choir and other activities with her classmates.

11 more places are available for the program in years 3-6.

For more information contact our Enrolments Office on 02 6774 8700

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Pictured: Chelsea Devenish, Scarlet Martin, Felicity Chapman & Daisy Meehan.

2019 HEAD JUNIOR AND SENIOR Prefects

The NEGS Junior School and Senior School relationship has strengthened to new levels over the past couple of terms and is continually growing as we become more positively involved with each other.

The senior students are encouraged to display themselves as positive role models to the younger junior students by providing their support in co-curricular activities such as the livestock team. Both the senior school and junior school students can participate in the Livestock Team, allowing the older students to adopt a mentoring role and support the younger students in learning completely new skills.

There is lots of enthusiasm and support between students in sport. Senior girls love to get involved with coaching the junior teams in netball and hockey which has had lots of positive feedback. This has not only helped the younger students gain more confidence on the sporting fields but has given the senior girls confidence in passing on their tips, skills and experiences when playing in a team.

The whole school swimming carnival was one of the best carnivals incorporating both senior and junior students. The Junior School were actively involved in the cheers and each sporting house welcomed the junior students with open arms.

“
The sport we play together helps to gradually introduce us into the high school and get to know some other girls.
”

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior school have access to senior school teachers, such as Ms Lui for Mandarin, Mrs Spillane for Music, Mr Forgeard for Debating and Mrs Doyle for Chess. As some classrooms are located in the senior school, it becomes an exciting experience for the junior students to be involved of the senior school.

Other opportunities like the access to Mr Forgeard who is actively involved in debating and Mrs Doyle who has created chess club within the library provide a diverse array of opportunities for the junior students to learn and develop new skills which include public speaking, the ability to support their own opinions and problem solving.

Boarding is also a place where the connection between senior and junior school is rapidly growing. Afternoon activities have recently been introduced that consist of the young boarders being taken by some of the older girls to do activities after school.

These activities can be, and are not limited to, a game of touch or soccer, handball, baking and icing biscuits. These activities help to strengthen the bond between all the boarders and allows the younger girls to feel more relaxed and comfortable in their new home. It also gives them access to a familiar face if ever the time arises that they need someone to talk to, a shoulder to cry on or assistance in any other area of their boarding lives.

Once the building of the NEGS Sporting Complex is completed, we hope to hold sporting events during lunch times that will further strengthen the relationship between NEGS junior and senior school.





Head of Junior School

WELCOME TO NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL IN 2019. IT IS A DELIGHT TO SEE OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL GROW IN STUDENT NUMBERS AS WE BECOME THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE FOR NEW FAMILIES. IT IS ALSO WONDERFUL TO SEE NEGS OLD GIRLS' CHOOSING TO ENROL THEIR CHILDREN AT THEIR OLD ALMA MATER.

I appreciate the opportunity to experience the successes and accomplishments of our students, as we are committed to the development of the whole child. The emphasis in our Transition and Primary school programs is to ensure that our students develop a strong sense of decency, integrity and responsibility towards others. All students are encouraged to respect and exercise tolerance, to honor diversity, to discover new interests, to form new friendships and to develop a mode of leadership focusing on service.

NEGS EXTENSIVE CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL ELEMENTS OF LIFE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BOTH AS A STUDENT AND AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

At NEGS we reinforce the advantages of small class sizes. In smaller classes not only do students learn more, but they also learn faster. Their learning is enhanced by the confidence that students develop when they encounter success. Due to increased enrolments this year we were very pleased to introduce single stream classes for Kindergarten, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with Years 1 and 2 remaining a small composite class. Therefore it stands to reason that each student will have more quality, individual face time with their teacher which is critical both for development of skills and for inspiring students. With more one-on-one time with their teacher, students are certain to have a greater sense that their teacher cares for them, and when students feel like someone they look up to cares about their work, they excel.

In the Junior School we aim to provide students with an engaging and relevant curriculum where process is just as important as content. NEGS is fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated team of teachers and educators who believe that learning how to learn and developing thinking skills is what is important in today's rapidly changing 21st century society. During the year students have engaged in many events within our community of Armidale and surrounds, including attending IPSHA events in Sydney where they represented NEGS honourably.

With the repositioning of our Transition to a larger purpose built both indoor and outdoor area, we were able to reconfigure our space in the historical Horbury Hunt building to allow Year 6 students to engage with the curriculum in a comfortable and more free-form area giving the teachers the opportunity to customise lessons to the individual learning needs of students. Our new upstairs area is devoted to a computer technology (STEM and Coding), support and extended learning area.

I, with my experienced team of teachers, look forward to another successful year for NEGS Junior School.

ANDREW TRAVERS
Head of Junior School



A huge thank you to the NEGS P&F for donating the plants for the garden. We look forward to watching it grow with the children.



Our Year 1-2 class have a great time learning in Mrs Packer's classroom.



There was some fast action on the netball courts as NEGS Junior School competed in the Armidale Netball Gala Day. The girls played extremely well with the guidance of NEGS Netball co-ordinator, Mrs Kristen Cohen.



Our fabulous Transition Mums were treated to a morning of superstar performances, gifts, coffee from our Senior School NEGSpresso students and lots of love and cuddles from their children for the Transition Mothers Day Morning Tea.



Our Junior School students love being involved in the NEGS Livestock team where they have the opportunity to participate in local shows along with the senior students.



It's great having the NEGS Ag plot on campus for the Junior School children to venture down to see the pigs, ducks, chickens, sheep, alpaca and geese.



Where else can you read a story about Alpacas and then head outside and see one whilst you are at school? NEGS participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. They listened to the story 'Alpacas with Maracas' at the same time as thousands of other students across Australia. With the assistance of the Year 8 girls, they made their own maracas and embarked on an adventure to the NEGS Agricultural farm to visit the school alpaca, "Kerry Alpaca". Our students are so fortunate to have all this at school.



Our students get very excited on their dance lessons days and have the opportunity to learn ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary dance.



Big trucks, diggers and mounds of dirt! What a great way to start the morning for Transition and Kindergarten children! Students ventured down to the new Sporting Complex work site to check out the progress, as well as climb into the big earthmoving machinery. Thank you to the men from Ditchfield Contracting who gave up some of their busy time to show the students their machines. They loved it!



JUNIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The weather and atmosphere for the NEGS Junior School Cross Country was sensational. This year, due to the new Sporting Complex being built, it was run at the Equestrian Centre Cross Country course and students loved being able to tackle the horse jumps or try their luck at running through the water jumps. Many of our Junior School families came along to support their children, and donned their joggers running the race with their child. It was great seeing so much support from the senior students again, who always love to assist the youngsters - the little students love it!

The NEGS P&F kept parents fed and the students from NEGSpresso served great coffees.



STEM CLUB

STEM Club has kicked off well this year with students learning how to use Makey Makeys to turn everyday objects into computer keyboard controllers. Students created their own physical game controller which they used to play Tetris.

Pictured: Andrew Knight & William Knox



CHESS CLUB

Check mate! Our junior chess players have been making some strategic moves over the chess board during lunchtimes.

Pictured: Isabel Onapa



CODING CLUB

NEGS Junior School love coding and can't wait to try out the new equipment that they have received through the NEGS P&F wishlist this year. Some of these exciting items include a new 3D Printer, Parrot Drones, Tello Drones, Spero SPRK robots and Mine Storm EVA Lego educational kits which they will utilise in our Coding and STEM programs.

Pictured: Year 6 with P&F donation of coding



ARMIDALE SHOW

The Armidale Show is one of the highlights of the year. We have so much talent here at NEGS and students enjoy the opportunities to compete, represent and shine in many aspects of the show, including art, cooking, riding, cattle showing, judging and much more.

The Junior School children proudly brought in some of their winning ribbons from the Armidale Show.

Pictured: Caitlyn Piddington, Emily Towne, Hunter McDonald, Scout McDonald, Georgiana Blanchard, Arabella Blanchard, Prudence Chapman, Georgina Pillar, Felicity Chapman & Anamika Piddington



Join us for the NEGS Spring Ball.

This is a fundraising initiative for 2020 Scholarships proudly supported by the NEGS Old Girls and P&F Community.

Enjoy live entertainment and a beautiful 2 course meal by Pronto Catering.

Complimentary drink on arrival and table wines with cash bar available, thanks to Merilba Estate and The Welder's Dog Brewery.

Saturday, 14th September

6:30 pm

NEGS SPORTING COMPLEX

13-83 URALLA ROAD

Black Tie

\$100pp

Book your tickets via trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCUUZ>



NEW ENGLAND AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Everyone loves the New England Autumn Festival in March and as always NEGS students were proud to be a part of the Armidale community celebrations. It was lovely to see some of our Year 12 girls dress up in old NEGS uniforms dating back to the 1920's.



GEMMA SISIA VISIT TO NEGS

Former NEGS teacher and Founder of the School of St Jude in Africa, Gemma Sisia, was welcomed by many friends, supporters and students to NEGS. It was wonderful to see so many former NEGS families, NEGS Old Girls and staff, current families and students come along to the NEGS Chapel to hear Gemma speak about her wonderful school. We enjoyed catching up with so many of the NEGS community connections.

Pictured: Kate Blackmore (current parent & former NEGS Teacher), Jessica Randall (OG '04) & Gemma Sisia (former NEGS Teacher)



CRAZY HAIR DAY

To finish off Term 1, girls organised a "Crazy Hair Day" fundraiser. There were many different styles and colours being sported during the Cross Country and throughout the day.

Pictured: Sophie Mitchell, Megan Galbraith, Daisy Meehan, Heidi Powell & Laura Finlay



'SHINE FOR GIRLS' EDITOR VISITS NEGS

It was a pleasure to have the Editor of the online magazine 'Shine for Girls', Jo Crowley as a guest speaker at NEGS. Jo spoke to our Year 9 English class about her magazine and discussed how she chooses subjects to write about and what characteristics make an individual 'inspiring' to write about.

Pictured: Brielle Ball, Maeve Loosemore, Jo Crowley & Layla Kurko

ROUND SQUARE EXCHANGE - GORDONSTOUN, SCOTLAND

Year 10 student Anika Langfield went on exchange to Gordonstoun, Scotland. Throughout her exchange she explored many parts of the United Kingdom, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Some of the highlights included visiting the famous Loch Ness and the neighbouring Urquhart Castle. She also visited the city of Edinburgh where they headed to the beach and went for a quick dip in the freezing ocean. She took part in the seamanship activity where she learnt how to sail a "cutter" sailboat. Anika was involved in the schools' netball team, where they played in Glasgow, Edinburgh and other cities.

It was an amazing 3 months experience.



SAFE ON SOCIAL

With the increasingly challenging growth of Cyberbullying and Social online networking for today's teenagers, NEGS hosted 'Safe on Social' sessions for students from Years 5 - 12. NEGS Parents and Carers also had the opportunity to attend a special session. Thank you to Kirra who works in consultation with the Office of eSafety Commissioner for her very honest, and at times, quite confronting discussions.

Pictured: Annabelle Towne, Allie Palmer, Maddie Shaw & Kirra.



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION - BULLYING ! NO WAY

The NEGS Wellbeing program is focused on improving an individual's wellbeing through action. Led by the Year 12 cohort, NEGS celebrated the National Day of Action - Bullying! No Way. The girls selected a theme of "Everything Blue", supporting Dolly's Dream. They successfully and proudly raised an amazing \$930 on the day.

Pictured: Savanah Brown & Allie Palmer



ANZAC DAY

Our students and staff proudly participated in the Armidale Anzac Day march, acknowledging the sacrifice of those who served and continue to serve for our nation.

Pictured: Sophie Mitchell, Megan Galbraith & Zara Blackmore

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Hair today, gone tomorrow! With the wonderful support of her Year 12 friends and the NEGS students, Olivia Ruscicka braved the clippers and scissors of her eager friends in Assembly. Olivia has raised money for the Leukaemia Foundation, as part of the World's Greatest Shave.



NEGS GIRLS

Together since Junior School! These fabulous Year 12 girls have loved being here at NEGS since they started in the Junior School. For some they began as four year olds in Transition and have made many wonderful memories over the years.

*Pictured: Back Row, Sophie Sutherland, Zara Blackmore.
Front Row: Chelsea Eichorn, Megan Galbraith, Daisy Meehan & Penny Haynes.*



ART LESSONS IN SENIOR SCHOOL FOR OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior School students are extremely fortunate to be able to utilise the Senior School classrooms, amenities and Senior Staff for some of their lessons. Students got very creative and messy doing Art with the Head of CAPAD, Miss Sarah Ronald this term whilst creating an 'Under the Sea' painting.



FIVE CENT FRIDAY FUNDRAISER

What wonderful community support we have here at NEGS. Our Five Cent Friday fundraiser to help support Year 4 students Hugo and Thomas Brazier and their family in raising funds for the Melanoma Institute Australia proved to be a huge success! NEGS raised over \$4,600 to go towards their \$25,000 target! Thank you to the representatives from Melanoma Institute Australia who were also here to support the family and talk to the students about the importance of being sun safe. A special "Thanks" to Year 11 students Eva Knox and Grace Cassidy who really got behind the boys assisting them with the fundraiser. Many students also headed up to Guyra to participate in the Melanoma March.



Sport

NEGS RIFLE CLUB

NEGS Rifle Club is looking forward to a successful competition season with the AAGPS schools in July. A highlight will be the Fiona Reynolds Memorial All Schools Match at ANZAC Range Malabar. Meanwhile the team trains at Wallamumbi Range each Sunday.

Pictured: Amelia Croft, Ella Holmes, Ruby Loosemoore & Sophie Sutherland



SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

It was a sea of colour and fun at the Senior School Cross Country. The girls competed on the gorgeous NEGS Equestrian Cross Country course with many trying to beat their PB's. Well done to those who qualified through to IGSSA.



NORTHERN NSW JUNIOR STATE TOUCH CUP

Talented Junior School sports student Felicity Chapman represented the Armidale Bushrangers Under 12 Girls team at the Northern NSW Junior State Touch Football Cup in Port Macquarie.



NSW HOCKEY SQUAD

Laura Smitham and Maible Chalmers have been selected into NSW Hockey Squad teams. Maible will be playing in the NSW Opens Womens Country team and head to Nationals in Melbourne in early August, whilst Laura was selected in the U15s NSW Squad.



ARMIDALE CITY GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

NEGS girls have many different talents and interests all of which contribute to create the well rounded NEGS girl. Congratulations to Alex Beard who competed in the Armidale City Gymnastics competition at Level 5 receiving 3rd in bars with a score of 9.3 and 3rd overall.





Sport



HEAD OF THE RIVER

We had a great group of young athletes who represented NEGS at the Head of the River this year. These awesome young ladies had an incredible time competing and beating their PB's. Thank you to the wonderful support from families and friends who travelled to cheer the girls on.

Pictured: Francisca Dugdale, Penny Haynes, Jane Muller, Evey White & Sophia Thomas

1st Green	2nd Dumolo
3rd Murray	4th Lyon

Overall House Cup points including NEGS Junior School

CHEERING CUP WINNER

Green



AGE CHAMPIONS

8-10 years	Jessica Flynn Tom Lorimer
11 years	Lily Lorimer
11 years Reserve	Alexander Scanlon-Dawson
12 years	Louisa Duarte Polly Skipper Rebecca Reid
13 years	Cottee Harwood
14 years	Grace Boughton
15 years	Paige Anderson
16 years	Amity Coxon
17 years	Grace Cassidy
18 years	Daisy Meehan



Trivett Cup

Most outstanding swimmers of the carnival

Cottee Harwood & Amity Coxon



IGSSA SWIMMING AT HOMEBUSH

Congratulations to swimming sensation Ruby Loosemore who competed at IGSSA Swimming at Homebush receiving 2 x bronze medals for 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke, and placing 4th in 50m Freestyle.

U18 HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEGS Hockey goalie sensation and TAP student, Chelsea Thornton, proudly competed in the U18 National Championships in Hobart in April for the NSW U18 Blues Girls side. Although a great game, they were narrowly defeated 3-2 by QLD, with QLD scoring in the last second of the game. The NSW teams left Tasmania with a silver and two bronze after wonderful performances during the tournament. The girls were lucky to have Kate Jenner as Coach and Glenn Johnston as Assistant Coach. Chelsea continued on in Newcastle and was selected in the NSW All Schools U16 Years team and will attend the School Sport Australia Hockey Championships in Newcastle in August.

Pictured: Chelsea with coaches, Glenn Johnston & Kate Jenner



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

NEGS students are well rounded students who throw themselves into everything that is presented to them. This year was no exception, with the students giving their all to the events at the NEGS Athletics Carnival.

NEGS is very excited to welcome our newest teacher and Level 2 Athletics superstar, Fraser who joins us all the way from Scotland.

With impeccable credentials, including coaching and playing on National Rugby teams, his passion is helping athletes to perform at their peak level via Strength and Conditioning training.

We are continually striving to improve performance across a wide range of sports and Fraser brings a wealth of experience to the School.



Introducing **FRASER** Ashman

NETBALL - NSW SWIFTS

Girls in the Netball Talented Athlete Program got the opportunity to watch the NSW Swifts train ahead of their game vs Adelaide Thunderbirds.



RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NSW State Rugby Championships in Sydney saw TAP Rugby student Ashanti Pennell captain the Central North Representative team. With fellow NEGS student, Paige Anderson, the girls showed true NEGS grit and determination winning their pool, quarter final and semi final games. Their team made it through to the grand final against Brisbane, with Brisbane winning 36-24.



NEGS HOCKEY AMBASSADOR KATE HANNA

NEGS Hockey Ambassador Kate Hanna, caught up with our TAP Hockey students Flo Davidson, Maggie Halliday and Hayley Lennon whilst they were playing for NIAS at the Academy Games in Newcastle.

NEGS NETBALL AMBASSADOR AND AUSTRALIAN PLAYER SUSAN PETTITT

It's not every day you get to rub shoulders with an Australian netball player and your sporting idol. Netball girls who are part of the Talented Athletes Program are so fortunate to have the opportunity to do clinic sessions with Australian netballer and NEGS netball ambassador, Susan Pettitt. The girls loved having a photo with her and Prime7 News North West even turned up to do a television interview with Susan.



NEGS EQUESTRIAN USA tour

The itinerary was full and the opportunities were endless, we met some of the most powerful and influential players in the equestrian world. The Kentucky Equine Research farm, thoroughbred racing stables and breeding studs, Keeneland Racetrack, Kentucky Horse Park, the Australian Equine Performance Centre, were just a few places we visited. We had the opportunity to learn from the worlds best on equine nutrition, training, competition, fitness programs, rehabilitation, breeding, injury prevention and elite horse management. We all had an amazing time and learnt alot about the equestrian industry.



NZ tour

This will be the second time NEGS has conducted an international competition experience to New Zealand after the inaugural tour was held in 2018. Like NEGS, Nga Tawa is the only girls' boarding school in New Zealand with an onsite Equestrian Centre pioneering the way in school-based equestrian education. Selected students participate in training sessions on unknown horses in preparation for what they will face in New Zealand.



TASMAN RIVALRY

*Pictured: Back Row: Imtiaz Anees, Nicole Kennedy, Rosetta Miller, Leia Sadanah, Rachele Hirst
Front Row: Caitlin Croft, Jessica Martin & Bridgette Dalmau.*

Not only do NEGS students compete as a team in both showjumping and dressage against Nga Tawa students, they do so having only ridden their borrowed mounts once prior to the competition. All competitors who participate ride randomly-drawn mounts; horses they have never sat on before the competition. Riders have the challenge of not only competing and riding to the best of their ability, but getting to know their horses in a short space of time. This a fantastic opportunity to test their skills and broaden their experience given that the cost of transporting a single horse across the Tasman twice amounts to \$12,000. The short trip allows the competition to fit into these busy students' academic schedules.

This year, NEGS is giving some of their up and coming riders the opportunity to attend. "We've got quite talented riders in the junior years and the younger girls are going to be so much richer having had this experience."

NEGS returns to contest their trans-Tasman rivalry when Head of Equestrian, Imtiaz Anees, once again takes a team of eager students to ride on New Zealand turf.

POLOCROSSE New Zealand

Gemma Stuart has been selected in the 2019 Polocrosse Association of Australia Intermediate Girls Squad with fellow NEGS team players Hayley Constable and Abby Finlayson being selected into the Junior Australian Squad. *Photos: MW Photography*



Equestrian

COONABARABRAN

COONABARABRAN RESULTS

NEGS continued their winning streak at Coonabarabran with many of our students showing diversity and skill in their riding. Our NEGS Eventing girls had many wins and places including Anna Jarvis placing 4th in the Two star, Year 7 student Bridgette Dalmau placing 1st at 95, and Year 11 student Brittnee Breneger receiving 1st place at EVA 60. In our Combined Training, we saw a win for Bridgette Cadzow, Chloe Towne and Holly Jacobson who competed in all different classes. Estella Martin was the Reserve Champion Overall Sporting Under 15s and Anna Jarvis was the Reserve Champion Overall Under 16s.

Pictured: Holly Jacobson
Photo Credit: OZ Shotz Sports Photography



CAMPDRAFTING SUCCESS

There is no stopping NEGS student and Campdrafter, Britnee Breneger (and her horse "Spud") as she continues her way to the top in the Campdrafting world. Britnee won the Maiden draft at Maules Creek Campdraft, competing against 209 riders in the event. She received an 87 in round one, continuing into a run off receiving 82 to win the event. In these hard times of drought, Britnee was very thankful to Jodie Mobberley for the prize and all of the cattle donors who supported the event.

Pictured: Britnee Breneger, with 'Spud'
Photo Credit: John Burgess Photography



ANNA JARVIS

NEGS has had an amazing few days at the North West Horse Expo at Coonabarabran with lots of wins and placings but for Year 11 student, Anna Jarvis, there is no stopping her with her Equestrian achievements! Playing like a true NEGS girl, she has proven her versatility as a rider winning both the showjumping championships for 80, and the working horse challenge, she placed 4th in the 2 star eventing, was reserve champion for sporting, 4th in polocrosse and 3rd in team barrel racing. For this Armidale girl, the love of riding is a family affair as Anna follows in her mother's footsteps (NEGS Old Girl - Tara Moxham-Jarvis) with her success as an equestrian rider. She gives everything a go, from eventing, to dressage, to barrel racing, to polocrosse - there is nothing that this girl won't try!



DRESSAGE

Our girls once again shone in the Dressage with many students achieving personal bests and some fantastic scores across the Dressage classes. Holly Jacobson scored an impressive 81.07% in her division, Ella Crowley also achieved some big scores at her first Coonabarabran Expo, finishing on 74.29% and 72%! Jessica Martin and Brie Aitken achieved over 72%. NEGS girls comprised of half of the elementary classes, which was the highest level of Dressage at the event. The Friday Freestyle (a dressage test choreographed to music!) is always a great event to watch and our NEGS girls, Matilda Hall and Caitlin Croft, rode lovely tests.



ALLIE PALMER

Talented young NEGS rider Allie Palmer was a real stand out at the North West Horse Expo at Coonabarabran where she took out the Under 12 Champion. Allie also received the 12 years Stockhorse Challenge champion, 12 years Sporting champion, 12 years Overall champion girl, Reserve champion Galloway hack and placed 2nd in Pairs, 4th in Team of Four, and 4th in School Teams Barrel Race.



NSW INTERSCHOOL STATE TEAMS

A huge 'Congratulations' to Anna Jarvis and Katie Hancock who have been selected into the NSW Interschool State team to compete at Nationals in September. Katie qualified in the Combined test 105cm and Anna qualified for Eventing 95cm. Their dedication, along with the individual training and support from our qualified Equestrian coaches have paid dividends, and the girls are to be congratulated on such an incredible achievement.



NEGS ARMIDALE CONTINUES TO PRODUCE OUTSTANDING YOUNG HORSEWOMEN.



NEGS OLD GIRL, LUCY RAMSAY '18

Lucy had her final riding lesson with the Head of NEGS Equestrian, Mr Imtiaz Anees before her big new journey to start her Bachelor of Science Degree at Charles Sturt University, Wagga. In May she continued her equestrian successes by winning the Sydney International One Day Event. The Ramsay family has had a long association with NEGS and have been wonderful supporters throughout their time here. The last of the three Ramsay girls to graduate from NEGS, Lucy is excited about starting her course and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Pictured: Imtiaz Anees, Lucy Ramsay & her mother, Annette Ramsay (Mouse)

NSW INTERSCHOOL STATE TEAMS

It was a fantastic turnout for the NEGS Equestrian afternoon tea in the WH Lee Room at the beginning of the year. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome many new and existing NEGS Equestrian families. We appreciate all the help from our NEGS families at the Equestrian events throughout the year.

Pictured: Justine Aitken, Sarah Jacobson, Deb Michell, Rebecca Hall & Rachelle Hirst



NEGS POLOCROSSE - WINNERS

In a nail biting finish, NEGS Polocrosse team showed true team spirit and fought hard to win Polocrosse 4-3 in Coonabarabran at the North west Horse Expo.

Pictured: Abby Finalayson, Gemma Stuart, Akasha Beresford & Ella Elks (NEGS Polocrosse Coach)



Agriculture

FARM CASE STUDY

As part of the 'Farm Case Study' of work, Year 11 Agriculture students headed out for a dusty day on the farm at Guy and Wendy Croft's sheep and cattle property. The girls gained valuable information to take back into class to question what we do in agriculture and why we make certain decisions. We are so fortunate to have such supportive NEGS families who are willing to give their time and expertise to the girls as we understand the strain on our farming families at this difficult time during the drought.

UNE GRASS PROGRAM

With the University of New England situated in our city, our students have wonderful connection and access to the University. Year 12 students, Katrina Campbell and Laura Finlay were part of the UNE GRASS scholarship program. The girls presented their reports on their Industry placement experiences and then were presented with their certificates from the UNE Vice Chancellor, Prof. Annabelle Duncab and Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Todd Walker. It was a great day to be part of this event as it was also the International Day of Women in Science.

PROPERTY PLANNING FIELD DAY

Our Agriculture students had a great day participating at the annual Local Land Services Schools Property Planning Competition Field Day at Bald Blair, Guyra. Now the girls will prepare a property plan for Bald Blair with a focus on production, profitability and sustainability.



WINGHAM BEEF WEEK

With over 500 competitors, NEGS continues to impress judges at the Wingham Beef Week. The girls had a great time and experienced a lot of beef industry learning, including assessing live cattle, bodies of beef, primals and retail cuts. Congratulations to Jessica Martin who won her heat and went on to be the 17's reserve champion parader. Tayla Coggan also did very well winning her heat out of 25 competitors. Our Champion medium heavyweight steer was sashed the Reserve Champion unled steer of the show out of 68 steers. The Limousin steer was bred by long time NEGS supporters - The Cole Family 'Lachlan Dale Limousins' Forbes.



Pictured: Emily Bramley, Jorja Mason, Bridgette Cadzow & Chloe Towne

again and was sashed Champion Steer of the day, with 'Waffles' receiving 1st in his class. "Thank You" to Lachlan Dale Limousins at Forbes and the Devenish family for providing us with amazing steers to work and compete with. A BIG "thank you" also goes to Mrs Doyle and her family, and Mr David Whitton for trucking cattle and students.

Pictured: Caitlin Croft

WALCHA SHOW

With some fierce competition, our students rose to the challenge and were wonderful ambassadors at the 2019 Walcha Show. Our enthusiastic Livestock students participated in Cattle Judging, Meat Sheep and Wool Sheep Judging with the girls coming away with a swag of ribbons. We saw many highlights with Bridgette Cadzow receiving first place in the Beef Cattle Junior Judging. In the paraders, Tayla Coggan received 1st in her heat, Bridgette Cadzow placed 3rd, Chloe Towne placed 5th, Jessica Flynn placed 3rd and Caitlin Croft won her heat. The girls were delighted to see the NEGS cattle do well on the day with NEGS steer, 'Monti' winning his class and then going on to win Grand Champion Steer of the show. 'Devo' received Reserve Champion, whilst 'Google' received 3rd, 'Nighthawk' 4th & 'Waffles' 3rd in his class. Saturday saw 'Monti' wowing the judges once



ARMIDALE SHOW

The Livestock Team competed at Armidale Show with some very successful results. On Friday, everyone competed in the junior judging and paraders' competitions. Bridgette Cadzow receiving 4th and Emma Steele receiving 3rd in the Junior Judging competition for the 13 years to 18 years. Emily Towne also received a 4th for Beef cattle judging in the under 13 years. In the paraders' classes, we had Emma Steele receiving 2nd in her heat. Madison Shaw also placed 3rd in her heat and Emily Wamsley received 2nd in her heat. A huge congratulations to Eliza Watts on being picked to represent the Zone at the Sydney Royal out of 27 competitors. Congratulations to Emma Steele who also qualified for Sydney at the Maitland Show. Madeline Watts and Bridgette Cadzow were chosen as reserves for this event. We had 6 girls head to the showground to compete in the junior judging qualifiers for Sydney. Tiffany Thomas, received Reserve for Cattle Beef Judging. Congratulations.

Thank you to Mr Fisher for taking the girls, another great show and coming away with some great results.

Pictured: Tiffany Thomas (Background: Eliza Watts)



CAREERS EXPLORATION DAY

What do you want to be when you grow up? A pilot, a doctor, a politician or maybe a School Principal. Students in Years 5-8 have been thinking about this and participated in the Careers Exploration Day. They were very fortunate to meet many people from our community, including some NEGS Old Girls, who spoke about their different careers and the opportunities that are available to them. With so many of our past students who have been extremely successful throughout their careers around the world, many believe that NEGS gave them the foundations to achieve their goals and go far. Thank you to all of our special visitors: Armidale Private Hospital, HGQ Pty Ltd., Concepts of Armidale, New England Area Health, University of New England, Royal Freemasons Benevolent, Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Travel195, Powerhouse, Armidale NSW Police Force, NSW Rural Fire Service, North Hill Vet Clinic, Australian Business Solutions Group, Countrywide, Legal & Business Services, Uphill & Schaefer Real Estate Armidale, Fox & Lillie Rural

Pictured: Ellie Barrett, Dimity Chalmers, Monty Maguire (Powerhouse Armidale & NEGS OG) & Ashley Knight



FAREWELL OUR GERMAN GAP STUDENTS

Auf Wiedersehen to our German Gap students Leonie, Lauryn, Katharina and Jana who have been here with us for 12 months working in different departments around the School. On their last day they enjoyed dressing up in NEGS uniforms for a quick photo shoot.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PRORAM

Every year NEGS welcomes many International students to the school through exchange programs. This term we are thrilled to have students from India, America and Japan who have shared their different cultures and experiences with us. The students have loved their time at NEGS, especially learning to ride at the Equestrian Centre.



ARMIDALE COURTHOUSE

Court is in session! Year 11-12 Legal Studies students headed to the Armidale Courthouse. They had the opportunity to sit in on a number of cases conducted by the Magistrate's Court and were extremely fortunate to be in the presence of one of Australia's most well-known solicitors of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Mr Greg Walsh. He has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia and spoke to them about some of his previous cases, including Turia Pitt, who was injured in a fire whilst competing in an ultra-marathon in the Kimberley.



A DAY FOR GIRLS

NEGS girls are compassionate and empowered young women. Learning about the 'Day for Girls International' organisation, students were keen to help make a difference in another young girls life. They attended a sewing workshop at O'Connor Catholic College creating personal hygiene kits to be sent to young girls and women internationally living in disadvantaged areas.

Consistent HSC results

Congratulations to the Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Design and Technology students. We are so proud of all of those students for achieving their best and for all the hard work, time and effort they all put in to see results.

An amazing achievement is the fact that all Art and D&T students received a Band 5 or above in their 2018 HSC results.

CAPAD News

Josie Orr and Phoebe Uren, silk screen printing at Signature prints, St Peters, Sydney

2019 HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT. AN ELEVEN WEEK TERM HAS ALLOWED THE GIRLS TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES INTO NEW CREATIVE PROJECTS IN ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.



STUDENTS WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A DIVERSE COLLECTION OF CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ART IN THE NATIONAL EXHIBITION WHICH WAS DISPLAYED ACROSS THREE SIGNIFICANT GALLERIES NAMELY: THE ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND CARRIAGEWORKS. ISSUES OF GENDER, RACE AND HISTORIES PAST AND PRESENT WERE EXPLORED AS COLLECTIVE THEMES BY THE ARTISTS IN A SHOW THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OF AUSTRALIANS IN 2019.

VISUAL ARTS/D&T/MUSIC/TEXTILES EXCURSION

The annual Art and Design excursion to Sydney was another huge success with many Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts, Design & Technology, Textiles and Music students visiting a variety of galleries, studios and performances. The excursion exposed the girls to such an extensive plethora of practitioners and their work. Some of the highlights were visits to: the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Museum of Contemporary Art and Carriageworks, White Rabbit Gallery, the Powerhouse Museum, Signature Prints, Australian Wool Innovation head office, Australian Institute of Music, Saturday Night Fever Musical and much, much more. The girls also visited the Design Industry where they were thrilled to speak with NEGS Old Girl Annabelle Spillane (Class of 2013) who is a Landscape Architect with NBR Architecture at Milson's Point. Some of the girls also caught up with another NEGS Old Girl, Maddie Hunt.

MISS SARAH RONALD



CHRISTINE PORTER VISITS NEGS

We were lucky to have Christine Porter visit the school at the close of her NERAM exhibition "The Hundredth Shearing Shed". Her work is a "visual exploration of the beauty and diversity of the iconic, Australian shearing shed" (NERAM website). The exhibition depicts an historical narrative, portraying an industry vital still to the New England, as well as presenting new work from the artist. Using watercolour as one of her preferred mediums, "Deeargee", Uralla is the hundredth shed she has painted.

Interestingly enough, the hundredth shed is linked to Sophie Sutherland who is currently completing her HSC in Visual Arts as well.



The Design Room at NEGS is a beautiful room to create gorgeous things with fabric. Year 7 have loved getting creative and sewing a handy tote bag in Technology.

Music



Music at NEGS continues to thrive with more students joining one of the many musical ensembles on offer, working individually with their music teacher, learning their instruments or working with their voice teachers. Now that the music block has been completed downstairs we are working upstairs, creating a new space for the music library and refreshing rooms where students can practise. It is wonderful to see that all rooms are used now in the music block, especially during band periods.

NIGHT OF MUSIC

The incredible talent of our students was showcased at the Night of Music with the audience enjoying performances from our Equestrian riders, NEGS Dancers, and our musical students who sang or played instruments. NEGS is dedicated to provide our students the best opportunities in the arts through music and dance.

MUSIC EXCURSIONS

Students from Senior School will be attending some wonderful concerts throughout the year. The first concert the girls have enjoyed so far was Australia's leading A Cappella group 'The Idea Of North'. They were amazing. Mr Finco took his Senior music class students to Port Macquarie to see some of the best musical performances from the HSC. He has taken his Year

11 students to Sydney to experience and see vocal teachers, visit AIM and take in a musical. They had a wonderful time.

ARMIDALE EISTEDDFOD
Many of our talented students competed in the Armidale Eisteddfod with some incredible results including Laura Smitham receiving 1st place in the 13-15 Years String Championship, Annabelle Simpson winning both

Brass Solo (18 years and under) and Brass Solo, any piece from AMEB Lists C or D (AMEB Grade 6 and above standard) and Ella Crowley who received 1st place in the Viola solo Baroque, 16 years and under and 3rd place in the Viola Solo 16 years and under.

Yours in music
SALLY SPILLANE



Annabelle Simpson was invited to attend the Armidale Eisteddfod's Gala Concert to receive a Special Award - 'Scholarship for Potential in Brass and Wind'. The Gala Concert wrapped up the Eisteddfod season which has run through a six week period. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to experience what it's like to perform in front of an audience. Special thanks goes to the committee of dedicated volunteers who organise and run The Armidale Eisteddfod, as well as the NEGS Music teachers involved.



NEGS

P&F

WE'VE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING IN 2019 WITH A DONATION OF OVER \$19K TO FULFILL SOME BIG TICKET ITEMS ON THE NEGS WISHLIST:

- A new state of the art Bose Sound System will be installed into the MPC in time for the opening of the new hockey field and sporting facility.
- A new and updated learning support system that will benefit all students from K-12.
- Adobe Photoshop - ongoing annual subscription for the Visual Arts and D&T Department.
- New playground equipment for the Junior School to include a swing, flying fox and ninja warrior course.

Some fundraising activities have been undertaken already this year; including the successful Easter guessing competition and the P&F hosting the canteens at both the Swimming and Athletics Carnival. We are very grateful to those parents who donated cakes and slices to be sold with all proceeds going to the P&F.

Our Annual dinner fundraiser was a success and was held at the beautiful Merilba Estate which was a wonderful night for all those who were able to attend.

We are looking forward to Term 3 where we will be working alongside the School and The Old Girls' Union to host the Spring Ball. We are aiming to make this year's ball even bigger and better than last year.

Thank you for your continuing support and contribution to our wonderful school community.

KATE WILKINSON & KATE BLANCHARD - NEGS P&F CO-PRESIDENTS



KEEPING THE Tradition

More and more NEGS Old girls are seeing the benefits of enrolling their children at NEGS Armidale. Walcha Mum and NEGS Old Girl, Kate Lisle (Walshe '98) together with her husband Sam know that they have made the right decision enrolling their daughter Harriet into the NEGS Junior School. Kate fondly remembers her time and the opportunities that were available at NEGS and still keeps in close contact with her old NEGS friends.

Many things that Kate loves about NEGS are: the small class sizes, the learning environment and resources, sport and music opportunities, the convenience of utilising the Homework Centre, and that NEGS is an inclusive and encouraging environment. They are also very excited about the new sporting complex that is under construction and the opportunities that it will bring to the NEGS community. Harriet has coped extremely well commuting to school from Walcha on the bus and Kate believes that this is a testament to the NEGS spirit of kindness and responsibility of the senior NEGS students who travel with Harriet each day. Harriet already looks forward to being a boarder in the coming years.

"I cannot fault the care, kindness and academic support Harriet receives. The communication and accessibility of teachers for parents, is second to none. NEGS Junior School is going from strength to strength, with incredible leadership, teaching staff and fabulous facilities. I would not hesitate in recommending NEGS Junior School for a stellar education", says Kate.



Where does your passion for NEGS stem from?

I have three daughters at NEGS. Two are boarders in the Senior School and my youngest daughter is in the Junior School. I believe NEGS is a school that embraces every girl. The rural component appealed to us, the cattle, the horses, the music and all of the extra curricular opportunities. It encapsulates an entire school community for the girls.

Can you please tell us a little bit about yourself from a career perspective?

I have a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and I used to teach Indigenous Remote Community Children in the Northern Territory for 10 years and then I went on to write curriculum and policy documents for the Northern Territory Department of Education. I now work in our own business, which is a large cattle enterprise, based in the Northern Territory.

What do you believe are your strengths as a NEGS board member?

I have the ability to be able to sit down at a table and communicate. I believe that the board has many strengths. It is only a small board, but it is extremely passionate. The communication and the level of discussion is very interesting and we look at everything from many different angles and being able to see the perspective as a Senior parent, a Junior parent and a Boarding parent, and also as a parent with an educational background, is engaging.

As a collective, what does the board hope to achieve for NEGS in the next five years?

In the next five years we would like to have ourselves consolidated. We are introducing more programs, like the Talented Athlete Program, whilst also keeping our academics to a high standard, which has always been a big part of NEGS. We also have our wonderful Equine facilities, music department and a plethora of other areas which are all functioning to the highest of level.

What is the most significant event or moment that has stood out for you in the years that you have been involved with NEGS?

For me personally, not just as a board member, is our ability to run a Distance Education program at NEGS. That for me has been a huge, huge help. It means that my daughter who lives 3,500 km's away has now got the roles, routines and the uniform, and also a really good grasp of the NEGS community and campus, so that when she eventually comes here as a boarder, all of those new things that new students have to deal with, she won't have to deal with. The Distance Education has allowed us to integrate ourselves in an independent, private education which we weren't able to do before, and NEGS is the first school in Australia to do it. So as a board member it was a really big step for Distance Education, for rural and remote students and its bringing that equality and equity to us that everyone else receives living in a large regional centre. That was a real standout moment.



NEGS OLD Girls VICE - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WHAT BEING A NEGS OLD GIRL MEANS AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SCHOOL AND YOU. THE NEGS OLD GIRLS ARE THE BEST EVANGELISTS OF THE SCHOOL.

They build on the school's reputation as they carve out their lives acting as excellent ambassadors and advocates for NEGS. This is a reciprocal relationship as the School forges these connections and keeps the Alumni informed as to its progress and new developments. The School supports the Alumni network and provides a sense of belonging and recognition for the special relationships with individuals from school. Once a NEGS girl always a NEGS girl!

The NEGS OGU is a great way to help keep in touch with your friends and the School. The Akaroa magazine comes out twice a year so you are kept up to date about the developments at the School the Old Girls and news of the NEGS community. Distribution is moving online so please contact us if you wish to continue to receive hard copies.

The Old Girls hold a beneficial relationship with the School and bring many advantages through their association. Each year the Armidale Committee of the Old Girls host a luncheon for the Year 12 students who are soon to join the Alumni. This is a relaxed event where students and Old Girls mingle and talk about their experiences.

In addition, the NEGS OGU hold an event on Old Girls' Weekend with this year being a Luncheon held in the Dining Room to bring all the celebrating cohorts together. The weekend commences on Friday, 13th September and culminates in Brunch following the Chapel Service on Sunday, 15th September.

Photo above (L- R): Shara Menzies ('86 Ibbott), Libby Parry ('82 Dight), Juliet Cameron ('64 Lean), Wendy "Poppy" Abbott ('64 Kennaway), Sara Schmude ('88 Grills), Deborah Pulkkinen ('92 O'Brien), Jo Campbell ('80 Studdy), Georgie Lynn '99, Lindy Cannington ('83 Keats), Cath Farrar ('83 Alcorn), Gabrielle Oates ('11 Norbury).

NEGS has strong traditions and with that time comes strength, integrity and a sense of belonging for all of us. NEGS' motto of 'Whatsoever you do, do it heartily' is ingrained in us all. This milestone of 125 years is worth celebrating so keep an eye out for what is planned in 2020.

The Luncheon, which commences at 12.30 pm, is preceded by a progressive tour through key sites such as the Library, the Archives Centre, Equestrian Centre and the recently developed Sporting Complex. There will also be opportunities to visit those special sites of significance to you. Please see the invitation on the following pages. An On-Line Auction will be held during the Luncheon and all proceeds will go to a current Boarder Scholarship (applications are welcomed by the Enrolment staff). We welcome any donations to the Auction such as accommodation, artworks, jewellery, restaurant or tourist experiences.

During 2020 NEGS will be celebrating 125 years since it was founded by Florence Emily Green in 1895.

MRS SHARA MENZIES ('86 IBBOTT)
NEGS OGU Vice-President

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Just mention NEGS when you make your booking.

*Excluding airfares

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It's the experience that counts



Miss Florence Green opened her school for girls in New England in 1895, and in 1898 she started our Old Girls' Union so the girls she had taught could keep in contact with her, with each other, and continue to contribute to 'The New Guinea Mission' as they had done while at NEGS. Miss Green wrote the appeal letter every Lent, a tradition that has continued for 121 years.



Students at the Awala Adult Literacy School in Saiho Community, Popondetta. © Ivy Wang/ABM, 2018.



Young girls at the early childhood literacy class in Papua New Guinea. © Ivy Wang/ABM, 2018.

OG MISSIONARY UNION

report

ABM has been partnering for more than 10 years with Anglicare PNG, the social outreach arm of the Anglican Church of PNG, to provide Adult Literacy classes in Port Moresby and in regional and rural communities. More than one third of all adults are illiterate. Education can be disrupted by tribal warfare or no money available for school fees. One school has 130 learners some of whom walk ten kilometres to school 3 days a week out of the desire to learn to read and write. The power to change and grow is within us, in this community. We receive generous support from outside, but the miracle happens here in the community. Since 2001 we have sent over \$40,000 to ABM for Papua New Guinea.

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Rev'd Victor Joseph, Principal, wrote last Christmas, 'Thank you again for your continued support, and may all members of the NEGSOGMU and their families and friends have a blessed and safe Christmas and a new year of peace and good health.'

Bush Church Aid Society will celebrate it's centenary in May 2019 with services at St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney. In 2017 BCA employed The Rev'd Neville Naden as a full-time Indigenous Ministry Officer. Neville and Kathryn live in Dubbo and he travels and ministers from there.

Their son Nathaniel has completed his B.Th. at Moore College and, with his wife Pip, moved to South Tamworth where he will be assistant to the Vicar, Rev'd Rod Chiswell whose father Rt. Rev'd Peter Chiswell was Bishop of Armidale, and therefore Chairman of the NEGS Council, in the 1980s to 1990s.

The BCA Summer edition of The Real Australian magazine has the following article:

SINCE REV'D NEVILLE NADEN TOOK ON THE ROLE OF BCA INDIGENOUS MINISTRY OFFICER TWO YEARS AGO, HE HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY WORKING WITH FIELD STAFF, UNDERTAKING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY DEVELOPING A RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BCA INDIGENOUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE. IT CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT SEEK TO PRESENT THE WAY THAT BCA IS TRYING TO WORK AND DO MINISTRY WITHIN THE ABORIGINAL SPACE. PART OF THIS PLAN IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY. THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO DEVELOP AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT WAS THEOLOGICALLY SOUND AND THAT SOUGHT TO SHOW RESPECT TO THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA.

This acknowledgement is as follows:

"WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUE GOD, THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND HIS OWNERSHIP OF ALL THINGS. (PSALM 24:1) WE RECOGNISE THAT HE GAVE STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS UPON WHICH WE MEET TO THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES OF THIS COUNTRY. (ACTS 17:26). IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY, HE HAS ALLOWED OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS TO MIGRATE TO THESE SHORES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CULTURES OF OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND ARE THANKFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SHARE TOGETHER NOW. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO (PLEASE INSERT THE NAME OF THE NATION HERE) AND THEIR ELDERS/LEADERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND THOSE WHO ARE RISING UP TO BECOME LEADERS."



NEGSOGMU supports mission work in PNG through the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), remote and regional Australia through the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA), Wontulp-Bi-Buya (WBB) the indigenous theology college in Cairns, and our own Old Girl missionary, Jessica (Assef) Cowell, through the Church Missionary Society, CMS.

BCA's Indigenous Ministry Committee suggests that the Acknowledgement of Country be used at any formal church gathering that celebrates indigenous culture, such as during NAIDOC week.

Our Old Girl Missionary Jessica (Assef 2005) and husband Simon Cowell wrote from Bari in Italy last December: 'The biggest change in our lives in the last month is quite small. On Tuesday 20th November, little Timothy Simon Cowell was born, weighing a larger-than-his-sisters 3.565kg, and a good 53cm long. His father and uncle are already planning his future AFL career. He's healthy, doing the things a new person should do, and his sisters Lydia and Emma are so very fond of him. We praise God for his healthy arrival, and for keeping both him and Jess safe throughout the pregnancy and birth.'

"We're responsible for the Gruppi Biblici Universitari groups here in Bari, as well as in two cities to the north, Foggia and Chieti. It has been really exciting to see these groups be born (or re-awakened in Bari's case), and to guide and encourage them through their first steps."

"Milestones & Memories" is the history book produced to celebrate the first fifty years of NEGS in 1945. In 1926, Miss Green's death 'cast a great gloom over the school.' 'It was Miss Green who made NEGS a missionary-hearted school. In her Will she left a sum of money which ensures that her annual subscription to the Union will be permanently maintained.' The Missionary Union holds a term deposit which is very likely to be Miss Greens bequest, faithfully renewed on maturity by past Missionary Union honorary secretaries through all the years.

Our Missionary Union appeal is always open. Membership is by donation.

MRS JULIET CAMERON

Hon Treasurer -
NEGS Old Girls' Missionary Union

NEGS OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND

ONLINE *auction* DONATIONS



To be held at lunch on Old Girls' Weekend

Saturday 14th September 2019

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

We respectfully request donations for the NEGS Old Girls' Union

Some suggestions for donations include;
ARTWORKS, EVENTS, CASE OF WINE, PHOTOGRAPHY PACKAGE, SCULPTURE, LEATHER HANDBAG, THEATRE TICKETS, CHOCOLATE, SUNGLASSES OR A WEEKEND AWAY!

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NEGS OLD GIRLS' CHAMPAGNE LUNCHEON

Saturday 14th September 2019

\$35.00 pp | 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

NEGS Dining Hall

(11:00 am-12:30 pm morning tea and school exhibitions & 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Old Girls' Sport v Students and elite sport and riding exhibitions)

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Reservations: <https://negsogu.tidyhq.com/>



War YEARS & NEGS Boarders (1939-1945)

NEGS Archives would welcome any stories and photos from these years when NEGS numbers doubled with the threat of war reaching Australia.

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Mail to: NEGS Armidale,
13 - 83 Uralla Road, Armidale NSW 2350

Attention: Archives Centre

ARMIDALE OGU WEEKEND

Program

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Grandparents' Day
6:00 pm - till late pm Cohort casual events
(organised by Reunion Coordinators)

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

9:30 am Old Girls' Union AGM - WH Lee Room, Akaroa

11:15 am - 12:30 pm **PROGRESSIVE CHAMPAGNE MORNING TEA AROUND NEGS GROUNDS**

Meet at the NEGS Library. Our school taster will include short displays and presentations from students in music, riding, the elite sports program, Art & Design, and memorabilia as we wander down memory lane. (Transport can be provided upon request)

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm **CHAMPAGNE LUNCHEON IN THE DINING HALL with the OGU Online Auction finale**

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Sport
Old Girls v Students Sport (Sports as requested)
Displays from the Equestrian Centre and the Elite Sporting Teams
Jean Newall Archives open

6:30 pm **NEGS Spring Ball in the MPC**
(5 - 40 Year Reunions to provide table plans for NEGS Spring Ball)

50 Year Reunion Dinner held at Cotswolds Restaurant.

Older Reunion Dinners at NEGS upon request

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Holy Communion Chapel Service for Old Girls with Year 12 Students

10:15 am Brunch for Old Girls in the Dining Hall with Year 12

11:30 am Jean Newall Archives Centre open
Tours of the school

Sydney Old Girls' Union - Our Sydney Bridge day was a great success with a total of 60 people playing. The day began with home made scones and slices with tea and coffee, Bridge playing, champagne and chicken sandwich luncheon in the beautiful Sydney sunshine overlooking the harbour with more Bridge in the afternoon. We had a wonderful raffle and raised over \$3,500. A very happy day all round!



OLD GIRLS' Events

Sydney

OGU AGM & LUNCH

Tuesday 13th August, 2019
Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney

COCKTAIL PARTY

Friday 25th October, 2019
Mosman

Brisbane

AGM - AUG/SEPT (TBA) AND HIGH TEA

COCKTAIL FUNCTION - MAY/JUNE 2020 (TBA)

Armidale

OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th September
AGM & Weekend of activities

OGU Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to the daughter, granddaughter or a relative of an Old Girl or a student at the discretion of the committee who is otherwise unable to attend NEGS due to financial circumstances.

The successful applicant will be someone who is committed to continuing a proud NEGS tradition and contributing to the School community. Your gift will commence in 2020.

Please donate online: negs.nsw.edu.au/community/make-a-gift Or contact our Business Manager to establish scholarships or bequests tailored to your specific requests.



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A SCHOOL

Save THE DATE

OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND

13th - 15th
SEPTEMBER, 2019



We would love all cohort reunion groups to join us for the

NEGS Spring Ball

SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

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OLD GIRLS' Reunions

NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2019

60 Year Reunion ('59)

5TH AND 6TH JULY
Novotel Sunshine Coast
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50 Year Reunion ('69)

Penny Turner (McGee)
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or for more information contact;

Sue Webb (St Vincent Welch)
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40 Year Reunion ('79)

Jane Chamberlain (Sedgwick)
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30 Year Reunion ('89)

Kate McCamley (Corbett)
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20 Year Reunion ('99)

Edwina Pearson (Waters)
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10 Year Reunion (2009)

Kate Miles
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5 Year Reunion (2014)

Emily Rogers
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5 Year Parents Reunion (2014)

Contact TBC

NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2020

60 Year Reunion ('60)

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50 Year Reunion ('70)

Libby Jack (Waters)
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40 Year Reunion ('80)

Joanne Campbell (Studdy)
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30 Year Reunion ('90)

Sophie Carter (Powell)
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20 Year Reunion (2000)

Emma Davidson (McAlister)
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10 Year Reunion (2010)

Clare Stibbard
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5 Year Reunion (2015)

Nicola Orr TBC

Save the Date

2020 OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND
4th - 6th SEPTEMBER, 2020



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OLD GIRLS' News

CALLING ALL OLD GIRLS' FROM EVERY YEAR

2020 is our 125 Year, NEGS Anniversary

Please join us for our celebrations in September, 2020
Further details will be posted in next Akaroa and on our website



Anna Sutherland ('09) won Gold in the Commercial Exhibitor Awards - Fashion & Style Pavilion at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show. A judging panel from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW judged the exhibitors on their knowledge, customer service, presentation and overall dedication to their stand. This was a fantastic outcome and a huge surprise for Anna as it was the first time she has been involved with the 12 day show.



Living the Equestrian Dream! Horse enthusiast and NEGS Old Girl Jess Bull ('18) is continuing her love of horses working at Arrowfield Stud in Scone. She works with mares and foals in the sick/recovery area, and has the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Her future plans include studying her Certificate 3 in Breeding and Horse Management and travelling within the industry.



Congratulations to 2017 Dux and Senior Prefect, Eliza White who was awarded the Queensland University of Technology Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship based on academic merit.



Congratulations to Gabrielle Oates (Norbury '11) Our wedding was perfect and our honeymoon went by so quickly. The reception was held in a marquee at Booloominbah, UNE. Our bridesmaids were NEGS girls Isabel Carey and Sarah Barker who both finished 2011! Gabrielle and her husband have made their home in Armidale. Gabrielle works at New England Travel.



Congratulations to Jade Fitzpatrick (Tindal '07) who was married during the year. Jade Fitzpatrick (Tindal), Pip Harris (Hunt), Keira Graham (Turnbull), Sophie Sutherland, Chloe Spillane, Georgina Burrell, Lucy Shorter



Isabelle Cameron ('16) has competed against the world's best in rifle shooting. Since finishing school, Isabelle has represented the state at various national events and her most recent feat includes competing in the under 21 World Long Range Championships in New Zealand. Isabelle managed a win in the 1000 yards division and was ranked 13th in the world in 900 yards.

Isabelle was also recently crowned Shooting Australia Target Sport Athlete of the Year for junior female.

Now based in Sydney through her university commitments, the Wollomombi native has continued to excel in the sport. She now trains every Saturday with the Holsworthy Rifle Club and is continuing to rise up the ranks in the country.

The Armidale Express, Ellen Dunger, March 7, 2019



Congratulations to Maddie Fleming (Hunt '11)

Maddie married Ben Fleming at a fabulous wedding in the paddock on their property north of Armidale.

They are living in Armidale and Maddie manages her handmade earring business 'Made by Maddie'



Congratulations to Connie (McNeil '10) and Drew Twyford, in welcoming their first child, Blair Elizabeth Twyford. "Both Drew and I are very smitten with our little girl, and cannot wait to watch her grow". They live in Armidale and manage their own business - F45 Fitness

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Dux doddles along for 30 years

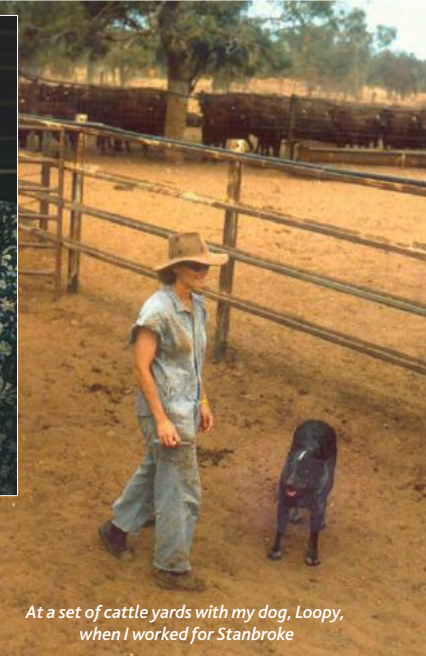
SANDI JEPHCOTT '80

After finishing school at NEGS in 1980 I took a gap year and went to USA to the Morven Park International Equestrian Institute at Leesburg, Virginia. It was great and I made some life long friends. From 1982 until 1986 I completed the Bachelor of Veterinary Science at UQ. I graduated 30 years after Mum, (Barbara Jephcott, nee Harpham). She was the third woman to graduate with a BVSc from UQ and my year was the last year that was half and half male and female. Now, in most Australian universities, veterinary science graduates are 90% female. In my final year of veterinary science, I did prac work at the World Three Day Eventing Championships in Gawler, South Australia. Horse theme dominates again! From my prac work in Gawler, I got my first job post-graduation with Drs Bill and Sandy Harbison, equine veterinarians. They were excellent first bosses

and I am still good friends with them.

In 1987, Dad, (Sir Bruce Jephcott) tragically died as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident in PNG. After Dad died, I returned to PNG to manage the family cattle property in the Ramu Valley from 1987 until 1995. It was a tragic introduction but a fantastic experience. While I was up there, I completed my Master of Science (external research) through James Cook University in Townsville.

With Mum, when I was finalist for QLD Rural Woman of the Year.



At a set of cattle yards with my dog, Loopy, when I worked for Stanbroke



BERYL FORBES (WISEMAN '46)

After 70+ years on, NEGS Old Girl, Mrs Beryl Forbes (nee Wiseman 1943-1946) feels like it was yesterday when she and her twin sister Barabra Fenwicke were students at NEGS.

At 90 years young, Mrs Forbes remembers her wedding day in the NEGS Chapel in 1954, with her sister as bridesmaid.

Whilst she was in Armidale she wanted to show her 4 children where she had gone to school and was married.

Mrs Forbes has many fond memories of her time here, including working at the school as a nurse when they were short staffed and returning for her 70 year school re-union in 2016. It was lovely to welcome her back.

Goodbyes

• JENNIPHER CLAIRE FRAZER (RALEIGH)

20/03/1955 - 23/07/2018

She is survived by her husband, Ronald FRAZER and her three (3) daughters: Trudi, Peta-Kym and Noni and three (3) grandchildren as well as her father: John Raleigh, her twin sister Stephanie; a brother Peter and sister Amanda.

She lived in Augathella QLD, after her marriage in September 1975. In about 2000 she started work at the Augathella Hospital as a domestic. The patients loved it when she was rostered on as Cook.

She enjoyed gardening even though she didn't get much time or her health wasn't up to it. But number one love were her daughters.

She received a Life Membership of the Augathella Pony Club. Her girls were club attendants for many years. (She never rode a horse herself).

Claire was a third (3rd) generation NEGS girl and attended from 1967 to 1972.

Her grandmother - Margaret (Meg) Douglas 1917-1923
Mother - Margaret (Margo) Smith 1946-1949
Sister - Margaret (Stephanie) Raleigh 1967-1972

We all loved NEGS. - Written by Stephanie Clark

• JANE KENNEDY (DECENT '48)

1932 - 28/04/2019

Aged 87, Jane Kennedy, (Decent) 1944-1948, died on 28 April 2019 after a short illness. Jane's mother, Elizabeth Joan Spencer Decent (Clift) and aunts Ella Clift and Betty Jean Short, also attended NEGS in the post WW1 period.

Jane's father died soon after she left NEGS, and she contracted tuberculosis a little later. This required several years of treatment before a cure was found, and these setbacks prevented her from continuing her education and her equestrian interests. She and her mother Joan moved from their property, "Tayar" in the Capertee Valley, to Sydney in the early 1950's, living at Kellyville and Roseville before she married Stuart Kennedy, a pharmacist, in 1957. They lived in Epping for 40 years, with Jane working as Stuart's assistant in the pharmacy for a number of years. Their daughter Edwina was fortunate to attend NEGS from 1971-1976, with the assistance of the Sydney OGU Polly Wearn scholarship, while their son Ian attended Kings.

In the late 1990's, Jane and Stuart moved to Drummoyne and enjoyed spending time with their 4 grandchildren. Jane was an active member of the Sydney branch of the Old Girls' Union for decades, serving on the Committee for some years and regularly attending the AGM and lunch right up to 2018. She always supported the branch's fundraising efforts and took a keen interest in the changes and new initiatives at NEGS over the years.

Stuart died in December 2018 after a fall, and sadly Jane died only 4 months later.

Written by Edwina Kirby (Kennedy '76)

• ANNE MCMULLEN (TAYLOR '48)

1928 - 20/02/2019

Helen Hodges, the daughter of Anne McMullen would like to inform the NEGS Old Girls' community of the sad passing of Anne McMullen. She was 91 years young.

'Mum had very fond memories of NEGS and the lifetime friendships she kept'.

• MARGARET ROSE BELL ('51)

1922 - 13/03/2018

Sadly passed away, March 2018 at the age of 96 years.

• RUTH MCCOLL (HOLCOMBE '41)

Sadly passed away, in 2017.

Principal's Message

2019 IS SHAPING UP TO BE A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR NEGS.

For a first outside of metropolitan areas, we've partnered with Hockey NSW, NSW Rugby and Netball NSW to offer Talented Athlete Programs for burgeoning players. This is an unprecedented opportunity to bolster regional female sport and we can't wait to see our students #playlikeanegsgirl.

Excavation on our \$1.5-million NEGS Regional Sporting Complex is complete. This will include a magnificent synthetic hockey field, a rugby field, athletics track, nine netball courts and two tennis courts resurfaced with artificial turf.

We're increasing our focus on the extraordinary world of STEM, with a new facility for our Junior School to be ready this year. This coincides with the launching of a new junior STEM and coding clubs, helping foster passion and skills in the world of science, technology, engineering and maths.

Our equestrian students continue to fly from strength to strength under the watchful tutelage of a soaring calibre of coaches, combined with our state-of-the-art facilities which accentuate our status as Australia's premier equestrian boarding school.

Contributions over the last 12 months have directly supported our scholarship programs and our facility upgrades. Continued, tax-deductible support will help us grow and complete our ambitious projects, which enrich the lives of our students. These donations are an investment in our students and the community of which NEGS is renowned, and demonstrate the generosity of our extended family.

Mary Anne Evans

Mary Anne Evans | Principal

2019 Annual Giving Initiatives

NEGS Foundation Building Trust

The Building Trust supports the maintenance and upgrade of our beautiful NEGS Buildings, many of which are over a century old.



NEGS Foundation Education Trust - Scholarships

Scholarships provided through the Education Trust currently provide support towards tuition and boarding expenses for many NEGS students.



Indigenous Scholarship Program

The Indigenous Scholarship Program was established in 2012 following a generous donation to the Foundation. The program promotes accessibility to a high-quality NEGS education for young Indigenous students.



NEGS Old Girls' Union Scholarship

Your gift to this Scholarship will go directly towards scholarships for girls who embody the spirit of a NEGS girl.



Donate online

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The proud family tradition of sending daughters and sons (in Junior School) to NEGS still remains today and we are pleased to see so many families continue the tradition of being part of the NEGS Community. We are also thrilled to see so many new families who have had connections to NEGS join us since this photo was taken earlier this year.

- FRONT ROW: Rosie Woods, Adelaide Scanlon-Dawson, Amanda Knight, Arabella Blanchard, Harriett Lisle, Clancy Munsie, George Mackenzie, Andrew Knight, Georgiana Blanchard, Alexander Scanlon-Dawson
- SECOND ROW: Lydia Farrar, Emma Pearce, Sophia Croft, Isabel Biddle, Jane Muller, Ashely Knight, Maggie Halliday, Ellie Woods, Aysha Rae, Scarlet Martin, Polly Skipper.
- THIRD ROW: Connie Dugdale, Layla Kurko, Megan Galbraith, Chelsea Eichorn, Katie Hancock, Amelia Croft, Sophie Sutherland, Zara Blackmore, Georgia Kurko, Caitlin Croft
- BACK ROW: Anna Jarvis, Cilla McCamley, Sophia Thomas, Evey White, Priscilla Clonan, Sophie Mitchell, Francisca Dugdale, Grace Cassidy, Estella Martin, Saskia Thomas



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