



RUYTON

FOUNDATION



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At the heart of our School is the heritage protected Moreton Bay Fig Tree, standing upright and faithful, just like our motto, 'Recte et fideliter'.

The Moreton Bay Fig Society was established in 2018 in conjunction with Ruyton Girls' School's 140th Anniversary. This Society honours all of our benefactors who have chosen to support the School directly through a gift in their Will.

Bequest benefactors will be recognised as members of The Moreton Bay Fig Society, honouring them for making a gift that will make a difference in the lives of future generations of Ruyton girls.

Members of the Moreton Bay Fig Society are invited to special events and activities at the School, enjoying the company of others for whom continued success of Ruyton and the education of girls really matters.

'Providing gifts from my estate to the people and institutions that have played a significant role in the journey of my life gives me immense satisfaction. Ruyton gave me the grounding for a career in the law, friends who I will cherish all my life, a belief I could do anything and a wonderful community for my daughter to thrive and learn in. I know my gift will play a role in securing the future of our great School.'

Ms Fiona Griffiths ('87)



In 1878 the importance of empowering girls, through purposeful education at Ruyton Girls' School, began with the foresight of our founder Mrs Charlotte Anderson. Today our girls enjoy the benefits of those that came before us.

At Ruyton we aim high and encourage our girls to dream big. Bequests provide Ruyton with a host of transformational opportunities that are not possible through annual student fees. Bequests enable us to provide the best possible learning facilities for our students and staff, so our traditional and modern buildings all provide innovative learning environments. Bequests will promote and support diversity in our community through the expansion of the Founder's Scholarship programme which awards financial needs based scholarships to girls entering our senior school. Bequests can also support the development of new signature learning experiences for the girls and invest further in the professional development of our highly-valued staff.

By leaving a bequest in your Will, you help to ensure that Ruyton Girls' School continues to provide exceptional learning opportunities for girls.

'Ruyton Girls' School has been a major part of my life, and still is. For me, the importance of girls' education and the empowering of women is something which my parents also felt passionate about. As a family, we recognise the importance and power of philanthropy. I want to give back to Ruyton as a way of saying thank you and so that it can remain as a strong school, meeting the needs of girls and empowering them to be their best for future generations.'

Mrs Robyn Kanat (Bate '80)



MAKING A DIFFERENCE - THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Philanthropy comes from the Greek work *philanthropos* (lover of mankind). Community and service to others has always been at the heart of Ruyton.

By making a gift to Ruyton in your Will, you become a significant part of something larger than yourself, something that will continue thriving and helping others long after you are gone. Although charitable giving can make good financial sense, it is really about dreams - your dreams for the future, for your loved ones, and for institutions such as Ruyton that embody your values.

If you already have a Will, you may simply add a codicil to include Ruyton Girls' School. You may wish to direct your gift:

- as an unrestricted gift
- to financial needs based scholarships
- to buildings.



HOW TO ORGANISE YOUR GIFT

Once you have taken care of your loved ones, your bequest to Ruyton Girls' School can take a number of forms:

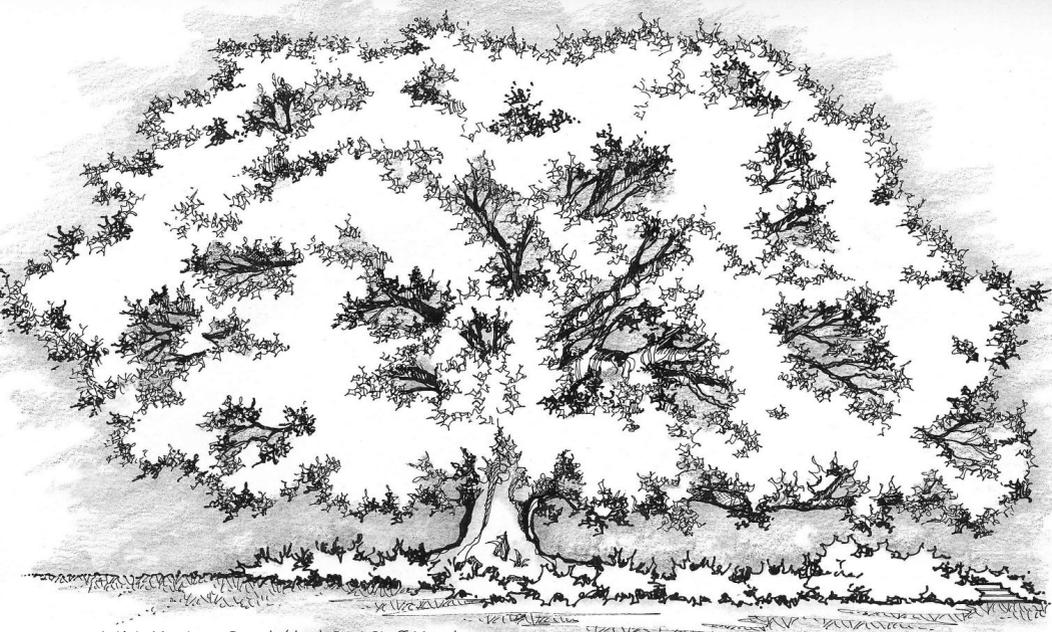
- a residual bequest: the remainder of the estate after all legacies and costs
- a pecuniary bequest: a specific sum
- a percentage of your estate
- gifts in kind: real estate, artwork, share portfolio.

We encourage you to seek independent legal and financial advice when preparing or updating your Will. It is important that you discuss your Will with your family and ensure that they understand and support your wishes. The correct beneficiary wording for including the School in your Will is: Ruyton Girls' School.

We appreciate all gifts irrespective of size and please know your generosity will make a real difference for future generations.

'Having been a boarder at Ruyton from the age of nine I have many happy memories of my home in Henty House beside the Moreton Bay Fig tree. My memories are shared by my life-long friends from those years. I am pleased to leave a gift through the Moreton Bay Fig Society in the hope that the historic features of Ruyton will be maintained into the future.'

Mrs Sue A'Beckett (Vautier '62)



Artist: Mrs Joan Gough (dec.), Past Staff Member

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in supporting Ruyton with a gift in your Will, contact us for a confidential conversation or complete the enclosed form and return it to the address below.

Of course if you wish to remain anonymous, we will respect this and acknowledge you privately.

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'At Ruyton, our daughters received an exemplary education and learnt strong core values and a real sense of community. Our legacy, via the Moreton Bay Fig Society, will be for the ongoing establishment of modern learning spaces and facilities, as well as the continuous provision of best practice teaching strategies.'

Mrs Susie and Mr Rob Sutherland (past parents)



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