



The Miss Val Dyke

MEANS-TESTED SCHOLARSHIP

Valerie Dyke attended Camberwell Girls Grammar School from Year 2 in 1952 to Year 12 in 1962.

Shortly after leaving school, she studied Theology and received an Australian College of Theology Certificate with Honors. Val also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theology and a Diploma of Pastoral Ministry and was one of the first women to be appointed to The General Synod of Australia.

She has ministered to prisoners in Jika Jika, the maximum-security unit at Pentridge Prison, and also at Fairlea, the women's prison in Fairfield.

Val spent many years abroad and has travelled extensively, visiting every continent. An accomplished businesswoman, she ran her own bookkeeping consultancy, and she has always been active in her church, providing spiritual guidance to parishioners, as well as leading retreats.

Val attributes a great deal of her faith to those who set the example and shared their faith with her during her time at school.

"There were two female role models at CGGS, Miss Louisa Taylor and my godmother, Miss Dorothy Hall. Each were very strong independent women who were instrumental in shaping my life," she confirms.

In her own words, Val was a 'plodder' at school but says her independence and faith was enriched at CGGS, a faith that is still very strong and guides her every day.

Thinking about her time at school and the education she received, Val's wish is to enable another student to receive the same education and opportunities that she did.

"As I reflect on my days at school, I realise they have formed the basis of my life. I received a well-rounded education, and I would not be the person I am today if it had not been for the education that I received at Camberwell Girls Grammar School."

It is Val's hope that future students discover this for themselves and this is the very reason she has partnered with the school to realise The Miss Val Dyke Scholarship.





The Miss Dorothy Hall

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Dorothy Hall had a forty-one-year association with Camberwell Girls Grammar School. She commenced at CGGS as a student teacher in 1931 and was Assistant Headmistress from 1951. In July 1959, she was appointed Headmistress, a role she held until June 1973.

Dorothy led the school during an ever-changing social and economic environment. She was responsible for growing the school and during her tenure, enrolments increased and international students from England, Europe, Asia, Papua New Guinea and South Africa joined the CGGS community. She also oversaw the increase in property acquisition, the construction of new buildings and a broadening of the curriculum.

Dorothy appealed to parents to provide strong stable values at home and received their support with her educational vision to provide a wide variety of subjects which would lead to a wide choice of careers.

“My most important role as Headmistress was to do my utmost for the good of each girl as an individual.”

Miss Dorothy Hall is remembered as a woman of strong Christian values and for her warm and positive relationships with all members of the CGGS community. Her emphasis on the school and parents working together, to ensure each student reached their full potential so they could live full, happy and useful lives will never be forgotten. Her legacy lives on in the students that she taught and will also continue in the life of this Scholarship recipient.

We invite you to join us in this opportunity for a student and we thank you in advance for partnering with us to realise The Miss Dorothy Hall Scholarship. This is a wonderful way for you to contribute to the schooling of a student and to honour Miss Dorothy Hall.

