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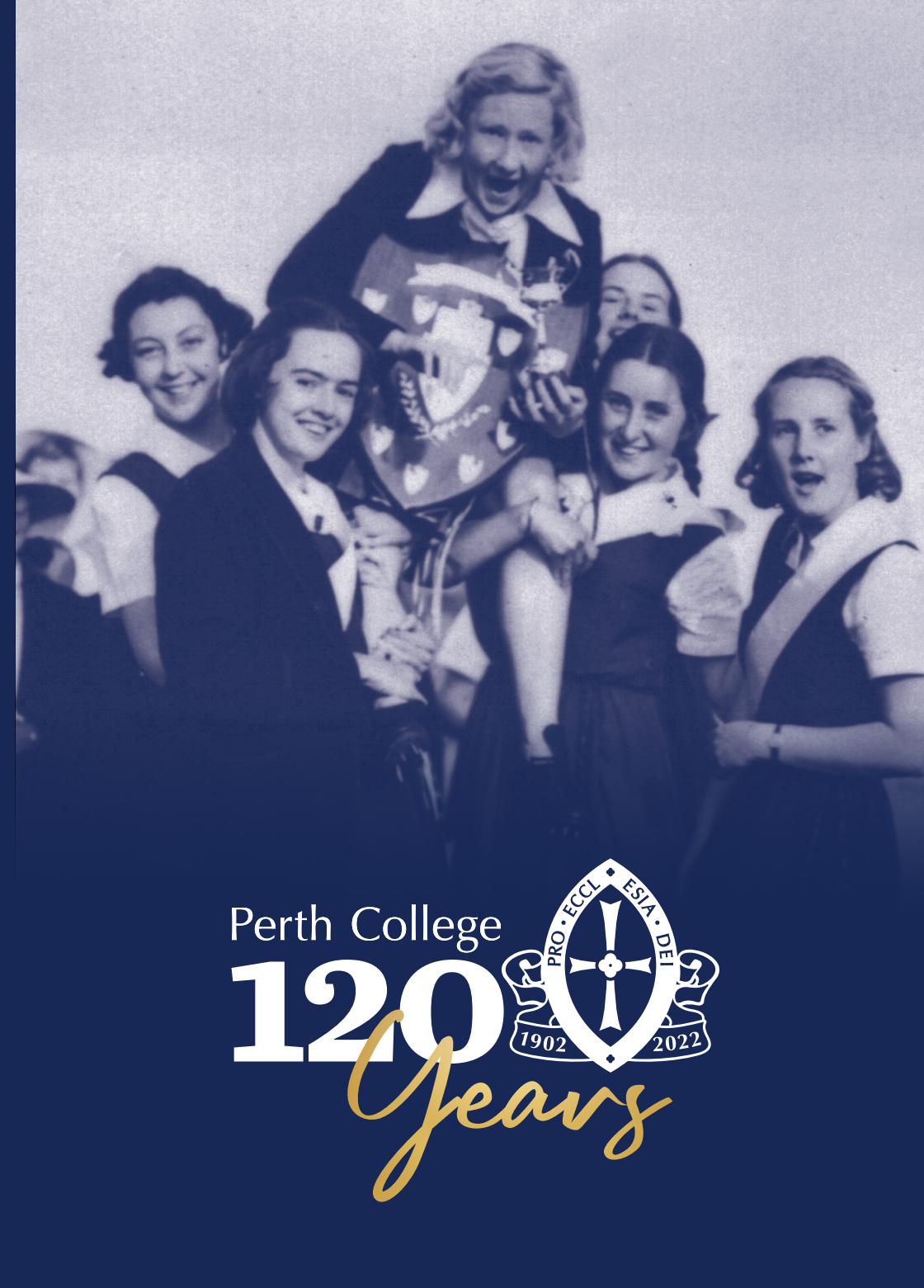
Perth College
ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Set them Free

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The PC Story

1902 – 2022

In the late nineteenth century in England, a young woman named Emily Ayckbowm had a vision for 'higher education.'

Not higher education as we often hear the phrase today – when it's used to define a stage of academic achievement – but rather an ideal of what education should be.

As the founder of the Sisters of the Church, Sister Emily pledged to devote her life to this educational ideal and to the creation of opportunity for young people.

When Sisters Vera, Rosalie and Susannah of her Order founded Perth College in 1902, they set out to give their first pupils all the tools they would need to navigate uncertain waters.

In 1916, their prospectus stated the aim that their pupils 'may not merely gain distinction in examination lists, but also be fitted to gain distinction in the greater business of life.'

In the early twentieth century, when female voting rights had only recently been granted in Australia, and much employment remained off-limits for women, the ambition for Perth College students to carve out careers and shape the nation was little short of revolutionary.

Through two world wars and now two global pandemics, through recessions, depressions and times of plenty, through great social and technological change, the world did open up to women, and generations of Perth College students have grasped their opportunity.

Meanwhile, we continue to chart the founding Sisters' course. We remain committed to academic excellence, but we balance that with skills of self-awareness, communication, initiative, innovation and entrepreneurship.

At Perth College today, we actively encourage freedom through programs like *InsideOut* and *sparc* that are timetabled and given equal weight to core subjects.

We prepare our students to take on jobs that have not yet been created, for technologies not yet invented, and to solve problems not yet anticipated.

This is what Sister Emily meant by 'higher education' – education that invites the spirit in every child to reach for the highest places and provides them with the tools they need to reach their destination.

Perth College. *Set them Free*

Celebrating 120 Years



*“In every human soul... there
was a germ of a great future...”*

Sister Emily

*“The Sisters aim, above all, at forming great
character, and strive so to educate their pupils
that they may not merely gain distinction in
examination lists, but also be fitted to gain
distinction in the greater business of life.”*

1916 Prospectus

*“... we believe that
the best preparation
for future change is
a liberal education
which educates for
the maximum of
human potential.”*

Early 1990s Annual Report

2002

Perth College celebrated 100 years with the presentation of the statue and rings (pictured below), a series of celebratory events and the launch of the 'Built on Faith' commemorative book.

2011

Self-leadership program, *InsideOut* was launched.

2021

Future-focused innovation framework, *sparc*, was launched.

2009

Perth College Netball Academy (PCNA) was formed under the guidance of Mrs Liz Booth, the first Director of PCNA.



1981

Perth College became the first IGSSA school to offer rowing program and the Rowing Club was formed.



1968

Sisters offer Perth College to Synod of Western Australia. Sisters progressively leave Perth College throughout the year.



1960

Official opening of the iconic Perth College gate. The stain-glassed windows depicting St Gabriel and St Michael, the Archangels, were installed in the Chapel.

1942

Army Occupation of the School from April 1942 to December 1943 during World War II.



1927

Consecration of the Chapel on 14 December 1927.

Barron, Bedford, Campion and Lawley Houses established.



1921

1916

New School opened in Mount Lawley.



1901

Sisters Vera, Rosalie and Susannah board P&O Liner Australia to Voyage to Fremantle.

They arrive in Perth on 20 November 1901 after a four-week journey.



1902

The School, located on Colin Street in West Perth, first opened with 32 boys and girls.

Hawkesbury House opened to accommodate boarders.



1901

1911

