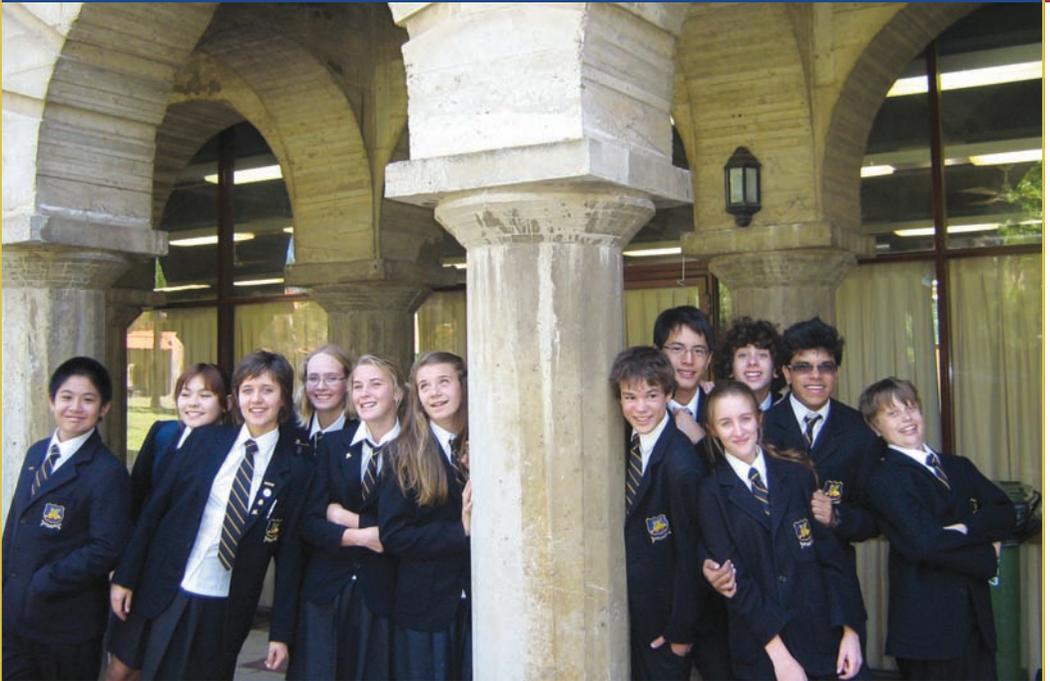




PERTH MODERN SCHOOL  
Exceptional schooling. Exceptional students.

# THE SPHINX SCHOLARSHIP FUND

for  
Perth Modern School



From Today's Leaders for  
Tomorrow's Leaders  
**Give the Gift of Education**



“My vision for Perth Modern School is that we want to attract the best and brightest students and help them realise their dreams and aspirations, regardless of the financial or other obstacles some families may face.”

# The potential of youth

**Every child in our society has their own set of strengths and skills. For some it is sporting ability, for others it is the arts, and for some it is academic strength and an ability to lead.**

For our society to prosper in changing times, our goal should be to stretch and support each child so that they reach their full potential for their benefit and the benefit of the community. Unfortunately, this is not always possible. Parents do not always have the luxury to choose the school most suitable for their child and most schools are not able to provide enough support and attention to maximise each child's individual gifts.

These concerns become even more important as children grow to adolescence and start to make the choices that will shape their futures including employment, family and community roles. This is a critical period in young people's lives and an important time to encourage and support them as much as possible.

*Robyn White*

## **Dr Robyn White**

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# You can help students achieve success

**Perth Modern School, which opened in 1911, was Western Australia's first public secondary school. The school has a proud history of encouraging young people from a wide range of backgrounds to achieve their academic potential and develop self discipline and confidence.**

Since then more than 13,000 students have been part of the "Mod" community with a changing focus through the years including encouragement of excellence in academic areas as well as dance and music. Throughout its one hundred years, the school has always aimed to foster the talents and skills of its students regardless of their background or method of entry to the school. The school has helped to develop an amazing group of young people, many of whom have become leaders in their fields nationally and internationally. The school counts amongst its alumni a Governor General, the present Governor of Western Australia, a Prime Minister, 17 Rhodes Scholars, notable people in numerous professions, and many exceptional artists and musicians.

In 2005, Perth Modern School again became a centre of academic excellence. The school is the only selective academic school in Western Australia with the whole student population consisting of gifted and talented students. The challenge for the school is now to ensure that academically talented students are able to take advantage of all that the school has to offer despite differences in their socio-economic backgrounds.

# Supporting access and excellence



*Lucy Sharpe receiving the inaugural Creative Writing Scholarship in December 2009 from Peter Farr, Hon. Treasurer of the Sphinx Foundation and Convener of the Scholarship sub-committee.*

Whilst Perth Modern is a publicly funded school, some families find it difficult to meet the other costs associated with their child receiving the highest quality education and experience. For some, these costs may deter them from applying to the school and limit their child's experiences once they enrol. Because Perth Modern students come from across metropolitan and country areas of Western Australia, families may need to cover extra travel

and accommodation costs as well as costs for amenities fees, uniforms, books, computers and extracurricular activities.

As the school enthusiastically approaches its centenary in 2011, the alumni organisation – the Perth Modernian Society Inc, through the Sphinx Foundation Inc., has launched an appeal to establish scholarships and bursaries to support talented students and students who can benefit from financial support in order to take up their place at Perth Modern School and achieve success during their first three years at the School. A range of scholarships and bursaries is being established to support Academic Excellence, Equity and Access, Aboriginal Access and the Principal's discretionary Bursary Fund. If you become a donor, you will have the confidence of knowing that you will directly help an outstanding young person to achieve their potential at Western Australia's only fully academically selective school.

**The Foundation's initial goal is to raise \$490,000 in order to establish seven scholarships each worth \$1,000 per annum tenable for three years, and ten bursaries per annum at an average value of \$400 each.**



*Monica Brierley-Hay pictured here with the donor, John Down (1928-32).*

In addition, donors may provide funds to generate perpetual scholarships for particular academic areas, such as for Science, Mathematics, Technology and Enterprise, Social Science, Languages, Health and Physical Education, the Arts, Music. The donor will have naming rights so that a name, appropriate to the academic learning area, the School and the donor's desires may be selected.

All donations and bequests to the Sphinx Foundation Scholarship Fund are fully tax deductible.

## **Sphinx Scholarships Success Stories**

The first two Sphinx Scholarships were generously established via donations from two Old Modernians: John Down (*The Daniel Girling Music Scholarship for a student completing Year 10*), and the late Jim Cundill (*The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship for a student completing Year 10*).

The inaugural winner of *The Daniel Girling Music Scholarship*, Monica Brierley-Hay, is gaining enrichment via such means as the Perth Modern School/University of Western Australia Link Programme, and through having other specialised musical instruction, and through the purchase of appropriate scores and instrumental equipment.

The McCusker Charitable Foundation has generously donated funds to create the *McCusker Scholarship (Academic Excellence)* and for the Principal's Discretionary Fund for special needs bursaries for deserving students. The inaugural awards will be made for the 2011 academic year.

# How you can help make a difference

**We invite you to make a tax deductible donation to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund to help support students to achieve success at Perth Modern School.**

We appreciate contributions at any level and offer the opportunity to acknowledge significant contributions through naming of specific scholarships for a set period or in perpetuity. You also have the opportunity to nominate the type of scholarship that you would like your contribution to support. Whatever the level of contribution, you will have the confidence of knowing that it will help a young person to achieve their potential at one of Australia's leading schools.

Your contribution will be acknowledged in the official School List of Donors, the annual alumni magazine and on the Perth Modernian Society website. In the case of named scholarships, major donors will have the opportunity to present their scholarships should they desire. As well, there will be special social events from time to time for donors.

You may also choose to support the Scholarship Fund appeal through making a bequest in your will.

Gifts to the Sphinx Foundation Scholarships and Bursaries are welcome in any form: cash, assets (shares, managed funds, property or other assets), as either a single donation or as a series of donations or annual giving. Alternatively, as the income from a property or other investment.

For further information or a confidential discussion as to how you could help the Fund, please contact:

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“We invite you to be our partner  
in this exciting journey ahead  
for Perth Modern School’s  
Centenary year and beyond.”

**Barrie Baker**

President Perth Modernian Society