Types of bequests

There are many types of bequests, all of which will benefit St Hilda’s. The most common is an unrestricted bequest which can be directed by the Principal and the St Hilda’s Council to areas of particular need.

Alternatively, bequests can be directed to a specific area of the School such as a particular academic discipline (for example Science), to a building project or to a scholarship.

Each bequest is unique and personal, and discussing your wishes with the Director of School Development will ensure that your bequest is used in the way in which you intend.

The benefits of a bequest to St Hilda’s are:

• Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
• You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
• You can direct your bequest to a particular purpose (please consult with St Hilda’s to make sure your gift can be used as intended).
• You can be assured that your gift will benefit St Hilda’s tomorrow, just as you intend it to today.
Where there’s a Will, there’s a Way

St Hilda’s is renowned for first-class teaching and learning and it proudly educates students who are poised to play a critical role in discovering solutions to some of the world’s most complex and important issues. For more than 100 years, St Hilda’s has always believed that girls can do anything.

The School attributes much of its success to the vision and generosity of those who, over generations, have never lost sight of our goal.

By making a donation in your Will, you can make a lasting difference to the future of the School. A bequest keeps giving forever and permanently links the donor to the School.

The amount you give is not important; even modest gifts can give lasting benefit. What is important is that you will have the knowledge that, without doubt, your gift will make a significant difference to the lives of those who will pass through this School.

Bequests are important to the long-term welfare of the School. The $2.2 million bequest to St Hilda’s in 2009 from Old Scholar, Shirley Offer (1944), gave the St Hilda’s Council the confidence to proceed with building a new 900-seat Performing Arts Centre which will be enjoyed by generations of young women well into the future.

The Offer Society

In recognition of Shirley’s generosity and her love for St Hilda’s, the School is delighted to establish the Offer Society. Membership of the Offer Society is open to those who indicate that they have made a bequest to St Hilda’s in their Will.

Shirley Rae OFFER (1926–2009)

Shirley Offer was an extraordinary woman who successfully integrated two of her great loves: St Hilda’s and the Law. As one of the first women lawyers in WA, she was an important advocate for gender equality.

At age 11, Shirley came to St Hilda’s as a boarder and the School was her home until she left in 1944.

Shirley was a member of the Old Scholars Association Committee for many years and a proud representative of her 1944 Year group. She was often called upon for legal expertise on various issues; so much so, that she became Honorary Solicitor for the Old Scholars Association and was instrumental in writing an early Constitution.

Shirley not only served the Old Scholars but was a loyal member of the wider school community. She was the Old Scholar Association’s representative on the St Hilda’s Council from 1991–1996 during which time she helped significantly with the organisation and planning of the School Chapel.

Shirley Offer was known for her diligence, considered opinion, and belief in the valuable role of women in society. Her legacy to St Hilda’s will touch the lives of many bright young women and help them become the best they can be.

St Hilda’s honours her life and her legacy through the Offer Society.

Bequest form

☐ I have already included a bequest to St Hilda’s in my Will
☐ Please contact me to discuss a bequest
☐ Please send me information about leaving a bequest to St Hilda’s

Name __________________________

Year Group (if an Old Scholar) __________________________

Address __________________________________________

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Phone __________________________

Email __________________________

To learn more about including St Hilda’s in your Will and how you can become a member of the Offer Society, please contact:
The Director of School Development
St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls
PO Box 34, MOSMAN PARK WA 6912
Ph: +61 8 9285 4104 Email: develop@sthildas.wa.edu.au

Suggested wording for a bequest to St Hilda’s

We recommend that you seek advice from your legal advisor when making or updating your Will as language for Wills and Estate Plans is specific. St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls suggests the following for the wording of bequests:

“I give, devise and bequeath to St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls, for its general purposes, free of all duties, (one or multiple of the following options)

- …% of my Estate or the residue of my Estate
- The sum of $ ………………..
- Life Insurance Policy number ………………..
- Property (details)
- Or other (details) and I direct that the receipt of the Principal of St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for the Bequest which is to be applied to the general purposes of the Trust.”