



THE
McDONALD
COLLEGE



The McDonald Foundation

Supporting the only school of its kind

In 1984, The McDonald College was founded by three women with an ambitious idea – to create an independent school where young people could pursue their passion and receive world-class performance training while receiving a rigorous academic education.

It was the first school of its kind in Australia.

While the history of the College is steeped in classical ballet and dance, and these are art forms that the College is famous for – they have expanded their offerings across all streams of performing arts and also offer elite tennis and rhythmic gymnastics training.

Performance is not just about what happens on a stage or on the court. It is also about performance in the classroom. Likewise, creativity is not just about the arts. Creativity also lives in science, technology, mathematics and literacy. From Kindergarten to Year 12, the College fosters critical thinking, communication and creative problem-solving in students' academic careers.

This unique proposition of The McDonald College is vital to their graduates becoming all-round performers. To continue delivering world-class performance training and rigorous academic education, the College relies on school fees and the generosity of donors like you.



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The McDonald Foundation is a not-for-profit that raises money to



improve the physical environment for students (eg, facility renovations, classroom upgrades, playgrounds etc).



supplement student support services (eg, wellbeing, diverse learning and after-school activities).



augment the purchase of educational resources and equipment to enhance student learning outcomes.



grant scholarships to exceptional auditioning applicants; and to retain the highest achieving students.



The Foundation is committed to creating an environment at The McDonald College, where students want to go to school. A place where they feel inspired and that they belong. Where they have the facilities, support, and opportunities to thrive and reach their academic, personal, and professional goals.

Past initiatives

Through the generosity of supporters like you and the College community, The McDonald Foundation has been able to support projects such as

- renovations to the Kindergarten classroom
- upgrade of the Junior School playground
- renovations of the Junior School and Secondary School bathrooms
- creation of the audio recording studio
- development of the digital fabrication labs
- creation of an art gallery
- installation of new student lockers
- Stage 1 of the canteen upgrade.

Graduate outcomes

Although I did not choose a career in performing arts, I was supported in my dream of becoming a surgeon. The McDonald College teaches you so much more than how to be a dancer, an actor or a musician – you learn how to communicate and how to approach any situation with confidence.

I would not be the person I am today were it not for my time at the College.

Dr Rewena Keegan (nee Shaw), MBBS (Hons) and BSc (Physiology & Physics), Breast Surgeon



1. Dr Rewena Keegan (nee Shaw), breast surgeon
2. Lachlan Monaghan, Principal Dancer, Birmingham Royal Ballet (supplied, photo: Johan Persson)
3. Meg Mac, singer / song-writer (photo: Heather Gildroy)

Seeing College alumni on international and national stages, in cinemas or on television; listening to their albums; seeing them on the competitive circuit; or following them as they grow their YouTube subscribers by the millions – it is always a proud moment for everyone in The McDonald College community.

Because the College places an equal emphasis on academics, graduates find they have a wealth of options to choose from.

Often they choose completely different paths to what they specialised in at school and thrive in successful careers as Walkley-winning journalists, surgeons, lawyers, university professors and respected C-suite leaders.



4. Bojana Novakovic, actress (photo: Ben King for Binge)
5. Tim Draxl, actor, singer, artist (photo: John McRae)
6. Emily Flannery, dancer (photo: courtesy of Bangarra Dance Theatre, by Daniel Boud)

How to get involved

There are several ways that both individuals and organisations can support the Foundation and The McDonald College.

Donations

The McDonald Foundation is a registered charity listed with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

To make a one-off donation, please complete the donation form, which can also be downloaded via the website: mcdonald.nsw.edu.au/donate

To become a regular giver by establishing a monthly donation, please contact the Accounts Department on 02 9752 0500.

To discuss how you can leave a legacy with a Bequest in your Will, please get in touch with the Principal of The McDonald College.

Fundraising items

The Foundation gratefully receives donations of products or services with 'high appeal'. These will be used as auction items or raffle prizes at fundraising events organised by the Parents & Friends Committee of The McDonald College.

Examples include box seats at sporting games, cooking classes, fine dining experiences, Gold Class movie tickets, luxury item hampers, rare wines, signed memorabilia or instruments, spa treatment vouchers, or sessions with recording studios, stylists or photographers.

If you would like to donate such an item, please email the President of the P&F at Parents.Friends@mcdonald.nsw.edu.au



We found out that Micheal was admitted to Harvard University and we cannot be more grateful to The McDonald College, which played a fundamental role in his admission.

Thank you for providing Micheal such a rewarding and enriching high school experience. He has grown immeasurably as a person due to the nurturing environment and the mentoring he has received at the College. We count ourselves so lucky to be a part of this irreplaceable school community

Cathy, David and Micheal Zhang (who achieved an ATAR of 99.95 and a perfect SAT Score)





Well-rounded performers.

On-stage.



On a court.

In class.



We are an independent, non-denominational, co-educational Kindergarten – Year 12 school. We specialise in performing arts and elite sports, with an equal focus on academic rigour.

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Classical Ballet
Contemporary Dance
Commercial Dance
Music
Musical Theatre
Technical Production
Elite Tennis
Rhythmic Gymnastics

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn: the Burramattagal, Bediagal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation.