



CLASS OF 2013



EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY

Georgia Gamble, Music Captain (Day Student 2009 - 2013)

My Seymour College experience began in 2009 when I commenced in Year 8.

The College immediately presented unlimited educational, sporting and music opportunities. I have been extremely grateful for my involvement in an array of music ensembles, including Barr Smith and Senior Strings, Big Band 1 and 2, Percussion and Steel Pan Ensemble and the renowned Seymour Pipe Band.

The Centre for Performing Arts has become a second home where both its staff and students are committed to excelling in their instrumental and ensemble endeavours.

I have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of both school and community events that have assisted in the development of my musicality and my leadership skills, having been elected as the 2013 Music Captain. This involvement has enhanced my learning experience at Seymour and has allowed me to recognise the innate sense of community the College has to offer. I have been very privileged to be a part of the Seymour music team and, by extension, the Seymour Community and I will recall my time here fondly.



Suzannah Hewson, Head Girl (Day Student 2009 - 2013)

I arrived at Seymour College five years ago, at the beginning of Year 8. I had heard about the wonderful school grounds, the iconic Sports Day and the cocurricular opportunities. There was, however, so much more and it did not take long for me to feel settled and part of a new family, dressed in Black Watch tartan.

From the beginning, I was welcomed into a supportive and yet challenging environment, with wise and dedicated teachers. I quickly made friendships within and across the year levels.

The teaching staff at Seymour bring education to life and many teachers go to extraordinary lengths to help us, even dropping work in my letterbox on a Sunday afternoon!

The school motto, Crescam Ministrando, (I Grow by Serving) influences the special culture of the school. A perspective of selflessness underpins teaching and learning and it has guided generations of students before us in lives that have been dedicated to serving others.

Seymour has given me the opportunity to play a lot of sport, including netball, soccer, swimming tennis, volleyball and water polo. It was a privilege to also be part of the debating successes that Seymour has experienced over many years.

I have loved being part of the Class of 2013.

As a year group we have shared so much, we have stood shoulder to shoulder through some of the more difficult times and we have built strong friendships that will endure. It has been an incredible honour to be elected Head Girl and a privilege to work with the student leadership team and teachers through the year.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to attend Seymour and for the education I have received not only from inspiring teachers but also through the experience of building friendships across the whole College.



Seymour has been the best thing that has happened to me. It has shaped me emotionally and academically.

Thank you for all of the experiences that I have been offered at the College. I have developed a strong sense of excellence, pride, family and love. Seymour has given me morals that will remain with me forever.

(Year 12, 2013)



Wendy Hong, Co-Orchestra Leader (Day Student 2009 – 2013)

From my very first day at Seymour in Year 8, I have been amazed by how supportive everyone in the whole school community is of each other.

I am so grateful to all the teaching and support staff for their dedication and commitment to our education and wellbeing. This year, in particular, I have been extremely appreciative of how considerate my teachers have been and I cannot thank them enough for their unwavering support and encouragement.

My involvement in the music program has been a major part of my schooling at Seymour and this year I was privileged to be selected as the Co-Orchestra Leader. Music has provided me with so many opportunities, from forming friendships with girls from other year levels to travelling around Australia on orchestra trips to Tasmania!

The Seymour tradition I will miss the most is undoubtedly our annual Sports Day. The enormous sense of spirit and teamwork displayed by each and every girl is truly inspiring, and it is an honour to be a part of this event.

Thank you so much, Seymour College, for a wonderful education!



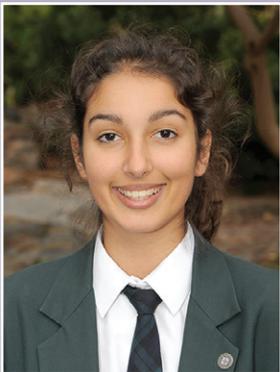
Jessica Mitchell, Service Captain (Day Student 2009 – 2013)

My five years at Seymour have provided far more than just an education.

The continuous support offered by the College has helped me to learn more about the person I am, and the woman I hope to become. Seymour has provided endless opportunities for me to challenge myself, grow both academically and emotionally, engage with the broader community and make close friends who I know will stay with me long into life.

One of my favourite things about Seymour is the tradition that is woven so strongly into many aspects of school life. As a member of the Pipe Band, I have loved helping to lead the march on Sports Day, welcoming guests to special assemblies and farewelling each Year 12 cohort at Valedictory on the bagpipes. I am incredibly glad that, as an Old Collegian, I will have the opportunity to maintain this important connection with Seymour.

As I take my first steps towards independence, I know that I will always remember the unconditional kindness and support that I have received from my teachers over the years. Through making me cups of tea, sending detailed replies to my emails the night before a test or exam, or simply encouraging me to engage in an in-depth discussion; my teachers have taught me the importance of insight, courage, curiosity, self-confidence and compassion, and I will treasure these gifts long after I leave the College.



Soraya Pradhan, Social Justice Leader (Day Student 2000 – 2013)

I first joined Seymour College as a tiny, tartan-clad Pre Schooler. Over the past 15 years, my experience at the College has been shaped by the many opportunities that students are afforded. While the supportive teaching staff and wealth of facilities offer every student the ability to flourish academically, an education at Seymour extends beyond the core curriculum.

The College allows students to be immersed in the Seymour community; a culture of warmth, respect and support that is invaluable to the development of strong young women.

Seymour respects the range of areas in which girls can excel, and facilitates their growth through providing students with a variety of extracurricular activities.

Like many students, I've been fortunate to be able to fully utilise these incredible opportunities through participating in music lessons, social justice and environment committees, drama plays and sporting teams. By participating in such a diverse range of activities, I was able to identify my strength in public speaking and become involved in activities such as debating, mock trials and mootings. The support of the Seymour staff was invaluable, as they went above and beyond in providing the time and effort to coach and support me.

I am so thankful to the school and staff for these opportunities. Not only has it allowed me the privilege of representing the school in activities such as debating on a state and national level, but it has solidified my interest in pursuing a career in law next year.

Seymour College has truly been the best educational experience I could have hoped for.

Vaishnavi Rajaramanan, Deputy Head Girl (Day Student 2009 - 2013)

When I first joined the Seymour Community I had no idea that I was on the beginning of an amazing journey that would be full of incredible experiences that have been crucial in shaping me into the person I am today.

I cannot express in words my gratitude to Seymour. For me particularly, the cocurricular activities such as the drama productions and choirs were a highlight. Also of immense benefit to me were the different opportunities I have had to serve, enabling me to recognise and develop my sense of justice. I have also been privileged and humbled to be Seymour's Deputy Head Girl this year; an extremely rewarding experience.

Seymour's academic record is outstanding, which is a testament to our fantastic and dedicated teachers. The relationship between the staff and students and their genuine desire to assist have been invaluable to me. There have been many times where I have had extra meetings with my teachers, who have never hesitated to support me whenever I had any problems.

I will never forget my time at Seymour, and I know that the values imbibed, laughs shared and friendships I have made here will last forever.



Georgia Sanders, Head Boarder (2011 - 2013)

I began boarding at Seymour in 2011 and just like all new girls in the Boarding House, I was warmly welcomed by everyone. I could not be more thankful for my parents' decision in sending me to Seymour. The diverse range of knowledge and skills I have gained will be carried with me throughout my life.

The traditions at Seymour are unforgettable. From the bagpipes and marching on Sports Day, to Highland Cathedral at Valedictory, they are all so important. However over the past three years, my favourite tradition at Seymour has come to be Boarders' Week. The Boarding Community is such an important part of the College and this week of celebrations is an insight into the lives of the boarding students. Boarders' Week is fun-filled and engaging for all.

The energy and time that the all staff members put in, both during and beyond the school day, in order for the students to thrive is admirable. It is greatly appreciated by the students and makes the years at school a lot smoother.

I hope to be accepted by Flinders University, to study to become a paramedic, which may be followed by studying interstate. Being at Seymour and especially boarding has prepared me for bigger and more significant changes in my life.

I am forever grateful to the Seymour Community for all they have done to contribute to my journey through the College and look forward to this journey continuing by being part of the Old Collegians' Association.



“Seymour has been an absolutely fantastic school, the support I have received has been outstanding.

One of the main differences between Seymour and other schools is the legitimate expectation that each girl would try her best in everything she does.” (Year 12, 2013)



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