

# 2024 Celebration of Giving

Saturday 23 March 2024



### THANK YOU

for supporting Duchesne College in 2023



#### 362 donors

16% increase from the total number of 2022 donations



**250 donors** supported our Bursary Fund, while **112 donors** supported the Building Fund



**\$580,972** banked in 2023 **\$200,954** in new support secured



**\$547,322** in support of new bursaries **\$33,650** supporting building projects



**\$2,430,454\*** in gifts and pledges secured in total towards the \$2.5m Create Change Create Wise Women Campaign

\*Total includes UQ dollar-for-dollar matching until end of 2025 up to goal



**5** new endowed bursaries were established in 2023 alone **17** new bursaries have been established in total since 2021

We moved five steps closer to our goal of 25 bursaries by the end of 2025 thanks to pledge and Giving Day donors in 2023



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## MEET SOME OF OUR BURSARY RECIPIENTS



#### **ASHLEIGH LOCKE**

Hometown: Warwick, QLD First year studying a Bachelor of Journalism

"Being the inaugural recipient of The Dr Margaret Grant DC'57 Bursary means the world to me! Being from the country it's wonderful to know that this bursary was set up by a country couple for girls just like me. It significantly contributes to both my educational and personal development because I wouldn't be able to be a resident at Duchesne College without this support, so I am very grateful to have the opportunity to live on campus at UQ and be surrounded by a family away from home – now I have 'sisters'!"



#### THIMANSA SARATHCHANDRA

Hometown: Mackay, QLD First year studying a Bachelor of Biomedicine

"I am truly honoured to be the first recipient of The Reverend Mother Joan Percy-Dove Memorial Bursary named after the first Head of Duchesne College. I am so grateful and feel that the best way to honour both the bursary name and the alumna donor who established the bursary is by working hard. Without this bursary, I would not have the amazing opportunities to study at The University of Queensland and live at Duchesne as the stresses of the costs would have been overwhelming."



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#### **GEORGIA MCGOVERN**

Hometown: Hervey Bay, QLD Third year studying a Bachelor of Primary Education

"Receiving a Create Change, Create Wise Women Bursary has enabled me to fully immerse myself in both university and Duchesne College life and be an active member of the community. It has given me a healthy balance between work, study, and College life, for which I am forever grateful. I'm 'giving back' and developing my leadership skills by serving as the Student Club Secretary this year which I love! Without your support, relocating would have been a significant financial barrier for my family. Thank you."



#### **NATALIE CARROLL**

Hometown: Woodbury, QLD Third year studying a Bachelor of Arts & a Bachelor of Secondary Education

"Being a recipient of a Create Change, Create Wise Women Bursary has enabled me to fulfil my dream of becoming an English and Drama Teacher. Now I can concentrate on the important things without having to constantly worry about finances. As the first member of my family to go to university, this is a big step for me, and with the support of this bursary, I'm even more motivated to make it count. I'm thrilled to be the Student Club Cultural Convenor this year, 'giving back' as best I can. Donors' generosity has brought me much closer to achieving my goals and has allowed me to become a member of the Duchesne family. This is something I know I will cherish for the rest of my life."



# WE'RE CELBRATING 85 YEARS OF DUCHESNE COLLEGE

85th Anniversary Lunch: 25 May 2024

Mass at Stuartholme: 26 May 2024

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