

St Patrick's College

Choose Your Own Adventure



Welcome to St Patrick's College!

Your first week of high school is here, and there's a world of opportunities for you to explore! At St Pat's, you have the chance to customise your school day to match your interests. Let's get started by participating in activities that will help you make new friends, pursue your passions, and discover the paths other St Pat's girls have taken after graduation.

If you have questions along the way,
you can go to any of the following people for help:



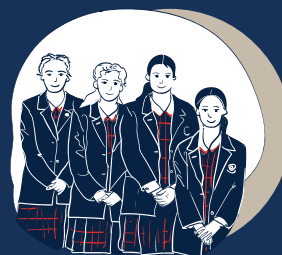
Your Big Sister:

At St Pat's we have a Big Sister/Little Sister buddy system. In your first week at the College, you will be paired with a senior student who will help you settle into high school. They'll help you to read your timetable, show you to your locker and explain how to find your classrooms.



Your Pastoral Advisor:

Your Pastoral Advisor will be the first teacher you see every day at the College. They will check in with you to see how you're going with your classes and make sure you feel at home at St Pat's.



Student Leaders:

A team of student leaders are selected from every year group, so there are lots of girls who are available to assist you. Senior girls, in particular, are used to supporting new students - just look out for a girl in a senior uniform!

So, let's jump into your first class!



Quest

You've just been handed a blank canvas and a set of paints in your Visual Arts class. The room is filled with the sound of brushes on paper, and you feel the creative energy in the air. Your teacher encourages you to express yourself in any way you like.

What's your first move?

A

Experiment with different shapes and bold colours.

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B

Start with a detailed sketch of something in the room.

Go to Question 7

C

Use a ruler to draw something geometric.

Go to Question 4

D

Turn a word cloud into a work of art.

Go to Question 3

E

Start sketching costume designs for the upcoming musical.

Go to Question 5

Question 1



Quest

It's MISA sport trials today, and the top oval is buzzing with excitement. You are practising your soccer skills when your coach asks your preferred on-field position.

What's your choice?

A

Goalkeeper, ready to block every shot.

Go to Question 10

B

Striker, leading the charge to score.

Go to Question 4

Question 2



Quest

You're in the prep room for the debating grand final. Your team is bouncing ideas back and forth with only a few minutes left until you present. The debate room is full of students, teachers and parents, all waiting to hear your argument.

How do you get ready?



Draw upon facts to strengthen your arguments.

Go to Question 5



Craft a powerful, emotional speech that grabs everyone's attention.

Go to Question 8

Question 3



Quest

You are in Science class and the data from your latest experiment is in.

What is your approach to presenting your findings?

A

Create graphs and charts to present your results.

Go to Question 9

B

Write an engaging report with detailed descriptions.

Go to Question 6

Question 4



Quest

The music room is alive with sound, and today's class is all about showcasing individual talents. Your teacher asks everyone to perform. Your friend makes a beeline for the trombone and another student jumps behind the drum set.

How do you make your musical debut?

A

Perform a solo on your instrument of choice.

Go to Question 7

B

Lead a group with your singing skills.

Go to Question 6

Question 5



Quest

Musical auditions are in full swing and the Creative and Performing Arts teacher wants to see your skills.

How do you respond?

A

Take the lead role and add your creative spin.

Go to Question 13

B

Bring the story to life by designing phenomenal props and lighting.

Go to Question 14

Question 6



Quest

The Design Centre is abuzz: your class has been selected to paint a mural in the Mary Sheil Centre. It's a huge opportunity to make a lasting impact. Your teacher would love to hear your ideas.

What's your first move?



Design a visual timeline that includes important people in the College's history.

[Go to Question 10](#)



Bring the outdoors in by creating a natural scene that reflects the College grounds.

[Go to Question 8](#)

Question 7



Quest

The editor of the College's *Inside Out* newsletter asks you to write an article for the next edition.

What does your ideal article include?

A

Interviewing teachers and students about upcoming events.

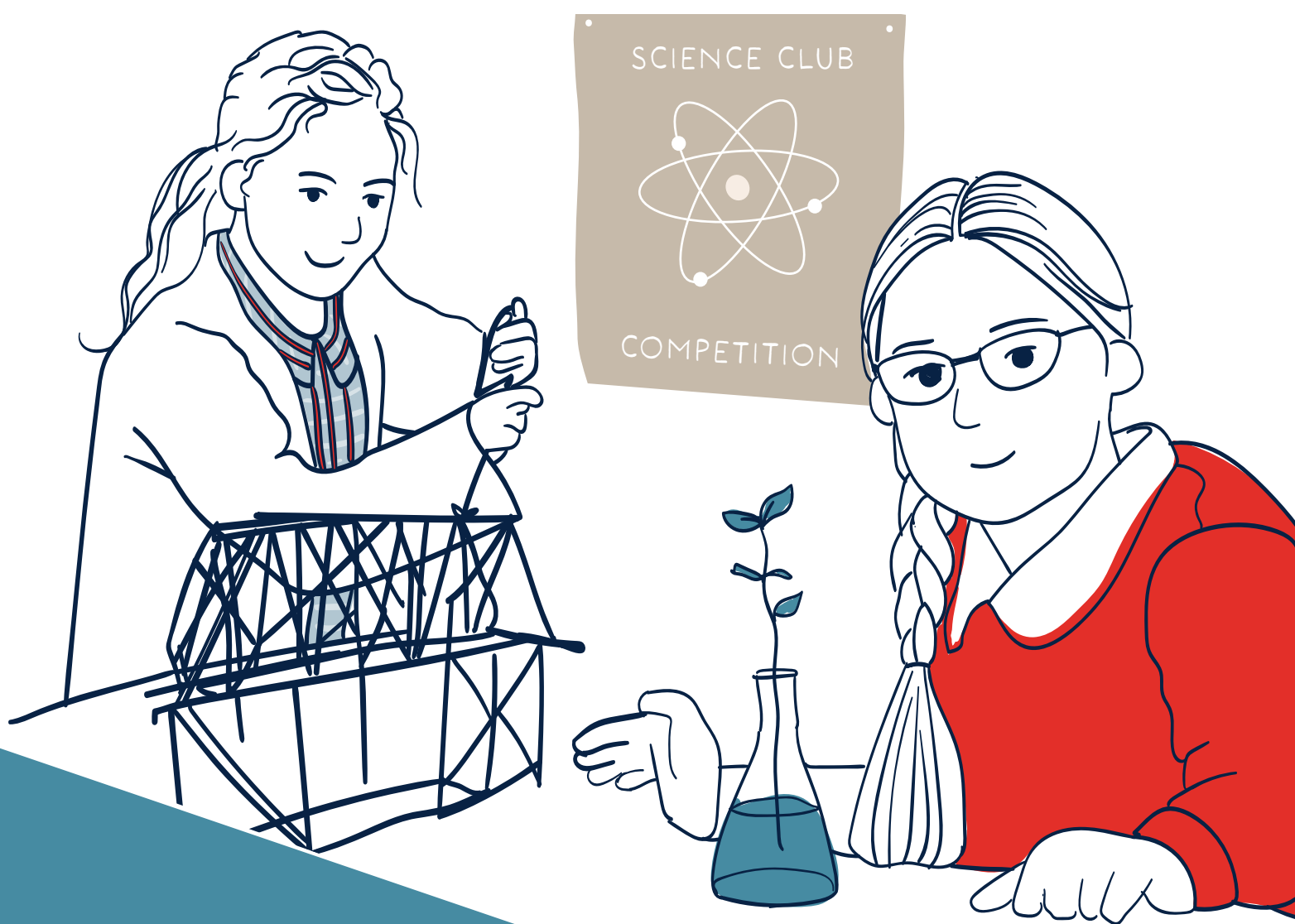
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B

Informing people about a current issue affecting the local community.

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Question 8



Quest

The Science Club Captain has just announced a new competition, and you're excited to get involved. You and your friends are brainstorming experiments you could create, and it's your turn to pitch a project.

What do you suggest?

A

Building a model bridge that can hold as much weight as possible.

Go to Question 14

B

Experimenting with how water affects plants.

Go to Question 11

Question 9



Quest

At a student leadership meeting, the Principal asks your team to come up with ideas for a school fundraiser.

What do you do?

A

Organise a Just Dance tournament, sponsored by local businesses.

Go to Question 11

B

Plan an art exhibition that includes an auction of student work.

Check out
Emma's journey

ion 10



Quest

You're in charge of this week's College assembly.

What's your main focus?

A

Managing a run sheet to make sure everything goes smoothly and to schedule.

Check out
Chloe's journey

B

Using your creativity to give the MSC auditorium the "wow" factor.

Go to Question 13

ion 11



Quest

You are interested in volunteering for a project that makes a difference in society.

What do you sign up for?

A

Wrapping and delivering Christmas hampers to local families.

Go to Question 13

B

Volunteering at an aged care home near the College.

Check out
Isabella's journey

Question 12



Quest

You've been given the chance to attend a leadership workshop.

What skills are you most excited to build on?



Developing social justice and critical thinking skills.

Check out
Mia's journey



Learning how to communicate in inspiring ways.

Check out
Lily's journey

ion 13



Quest

Robotics Club is in full swing, and you've been asked to help build the Club's next big project: a robot that can perform simple tasks. Everyone in your group needs a role.

What's yours?



Experimenting with new materials to create a flexible, strong robot casing.

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Sophie's journey



Writing the code that will get your robot moving.

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Ava's journey

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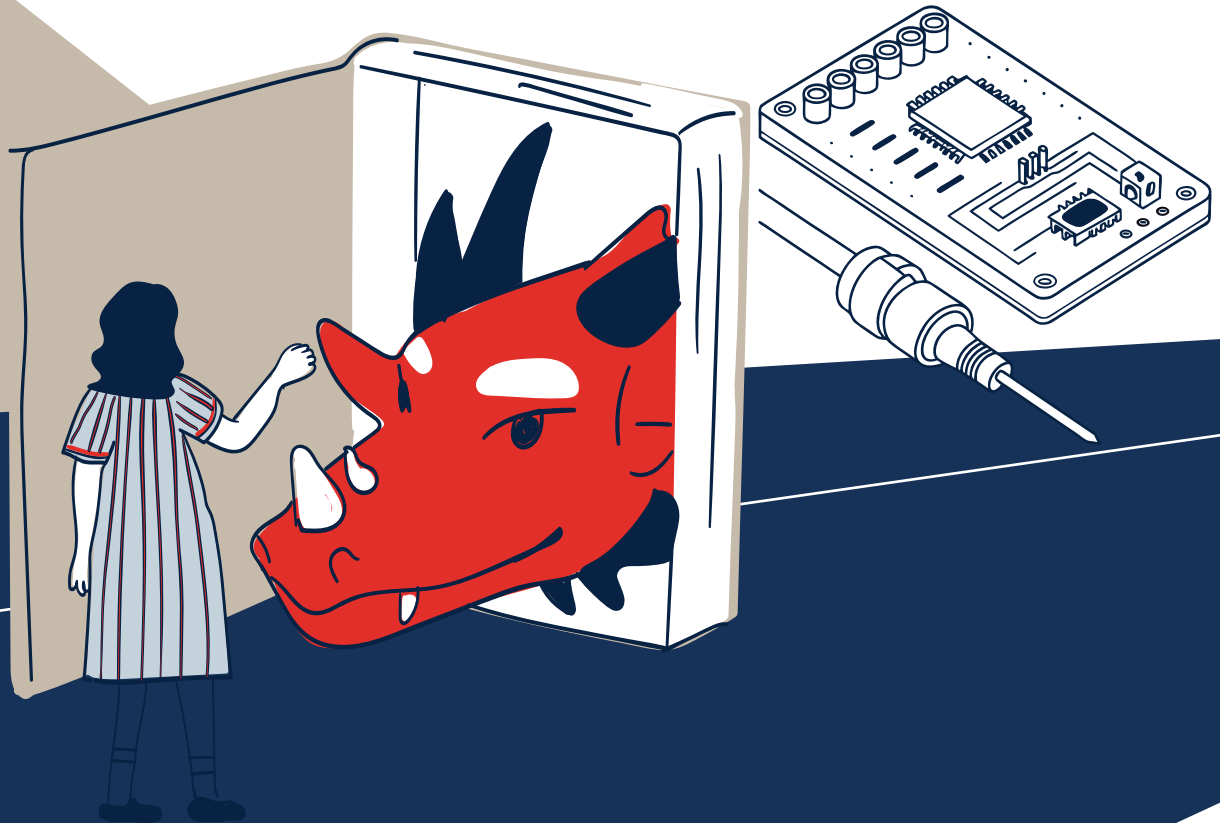
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Your story could look like

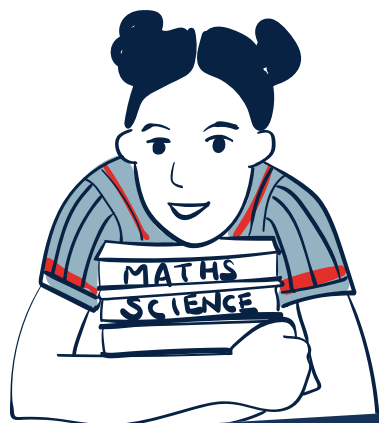
I enjoyed reading
fantasy novels as
a way to unwind
after school.

I have always been
curious about the way
things work and often
dismantled broken
electronics at home.



Sophie's Journey

There is beauty in logic, which is why my favourite subjects were Maths and Science at school.

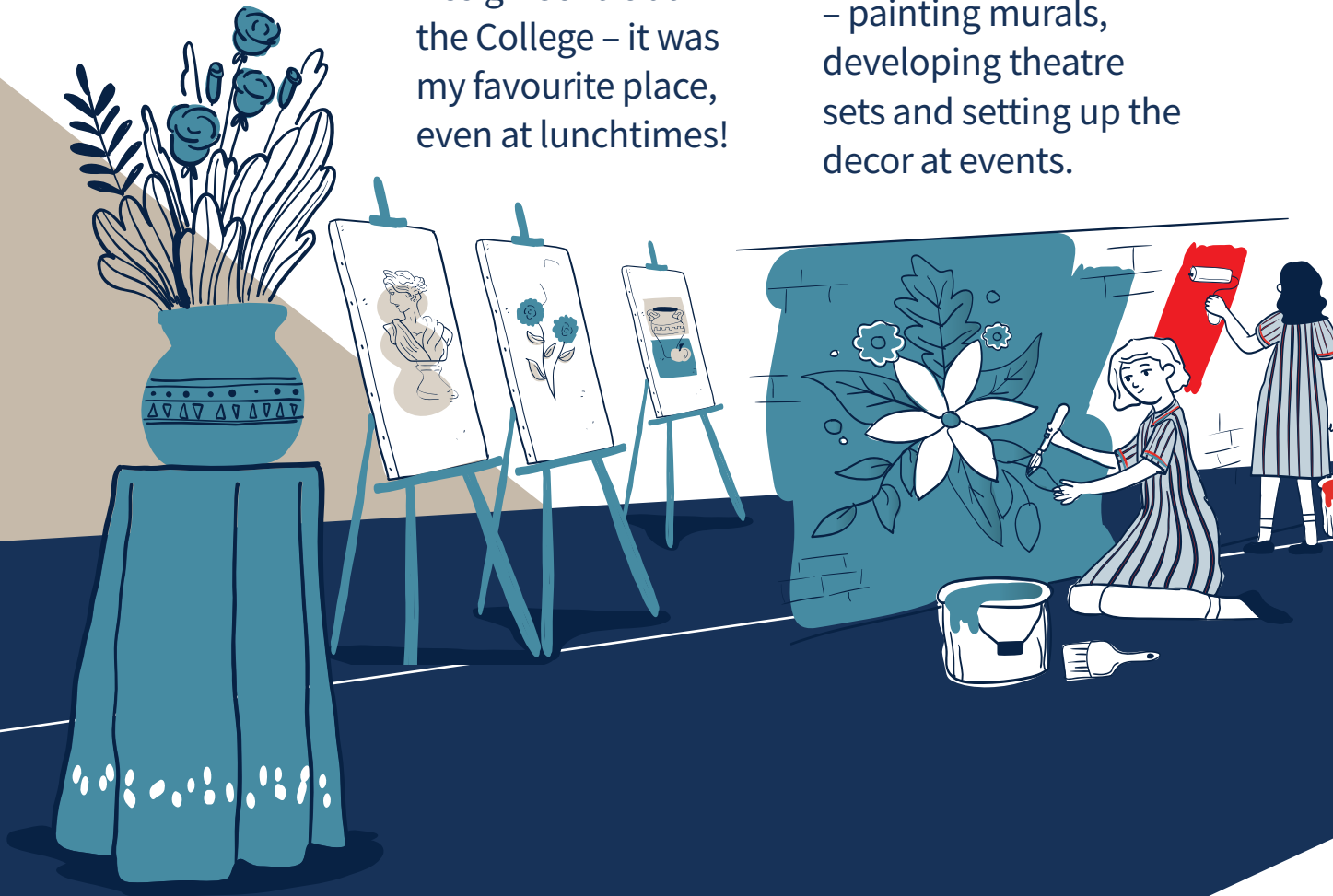


The Scientist

Sophie is a vaccine research scientist with university degrees in biology and chemistry. She works for a pharmaceutical company conducting research, developing new vaccines and improving existing vaccines that save the lives of people around the world.

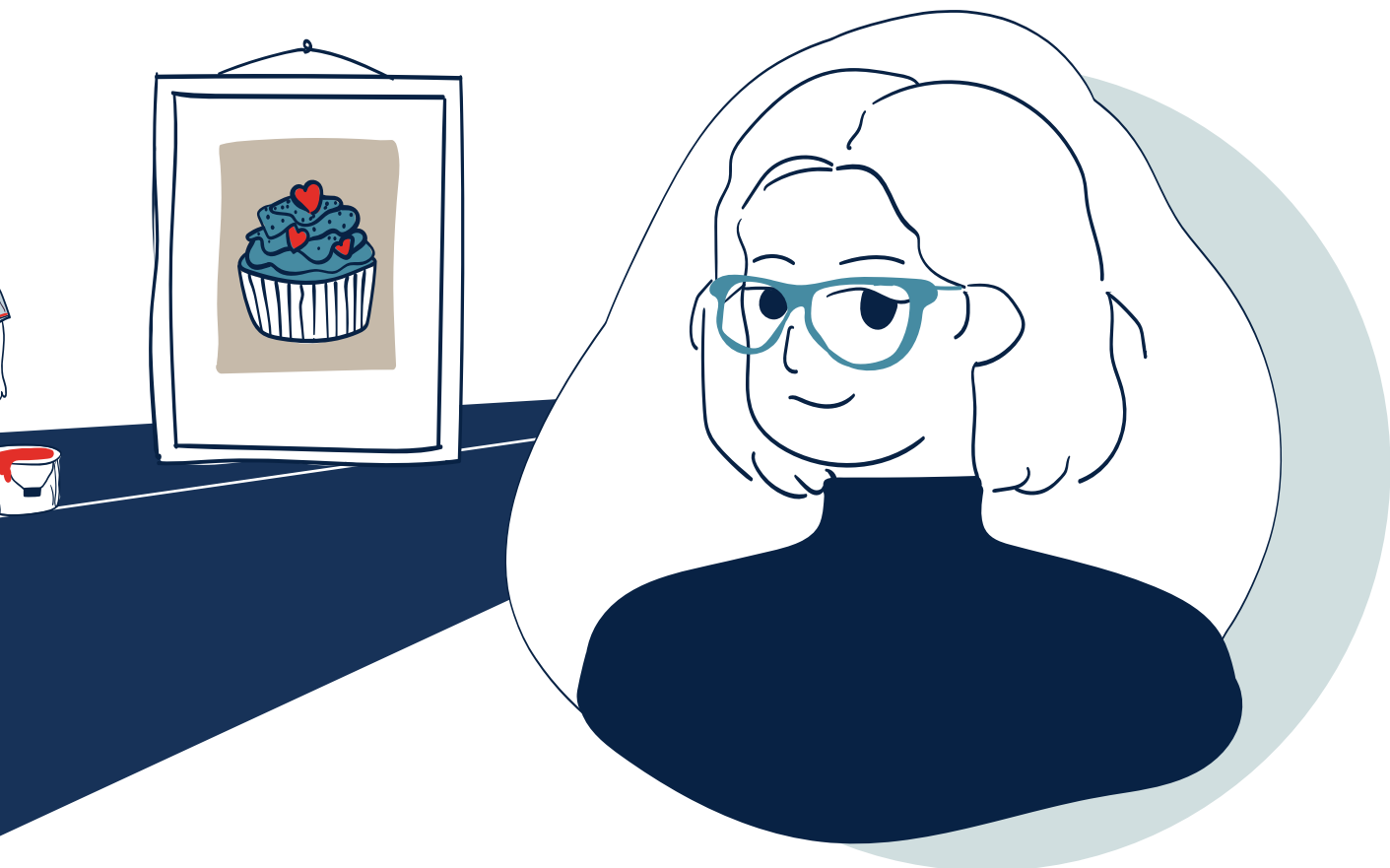
I couldn't get enough of the Design Centre at the College – it was my favourite place, even at lunchtimes!

I developed my leadership skills by joining committees that contributed to the school in creative ways – painting murals, developing theatre sets and setting up the decor at events.



Emma's Journey

I completed a VET Hospitality qualification alongside my HSC subjects so I could treat food as a delicious work of art!



The Creative Artist

Emma is a successful graphic designer, working with companies to create beautiful branding, magazines, books and websites. She is well-known in her industry for her drawing and digital animation skills, which bring her publications to life.

My favourite debate topic ever was, “Is it more important to be honest with your family than with strangers?”

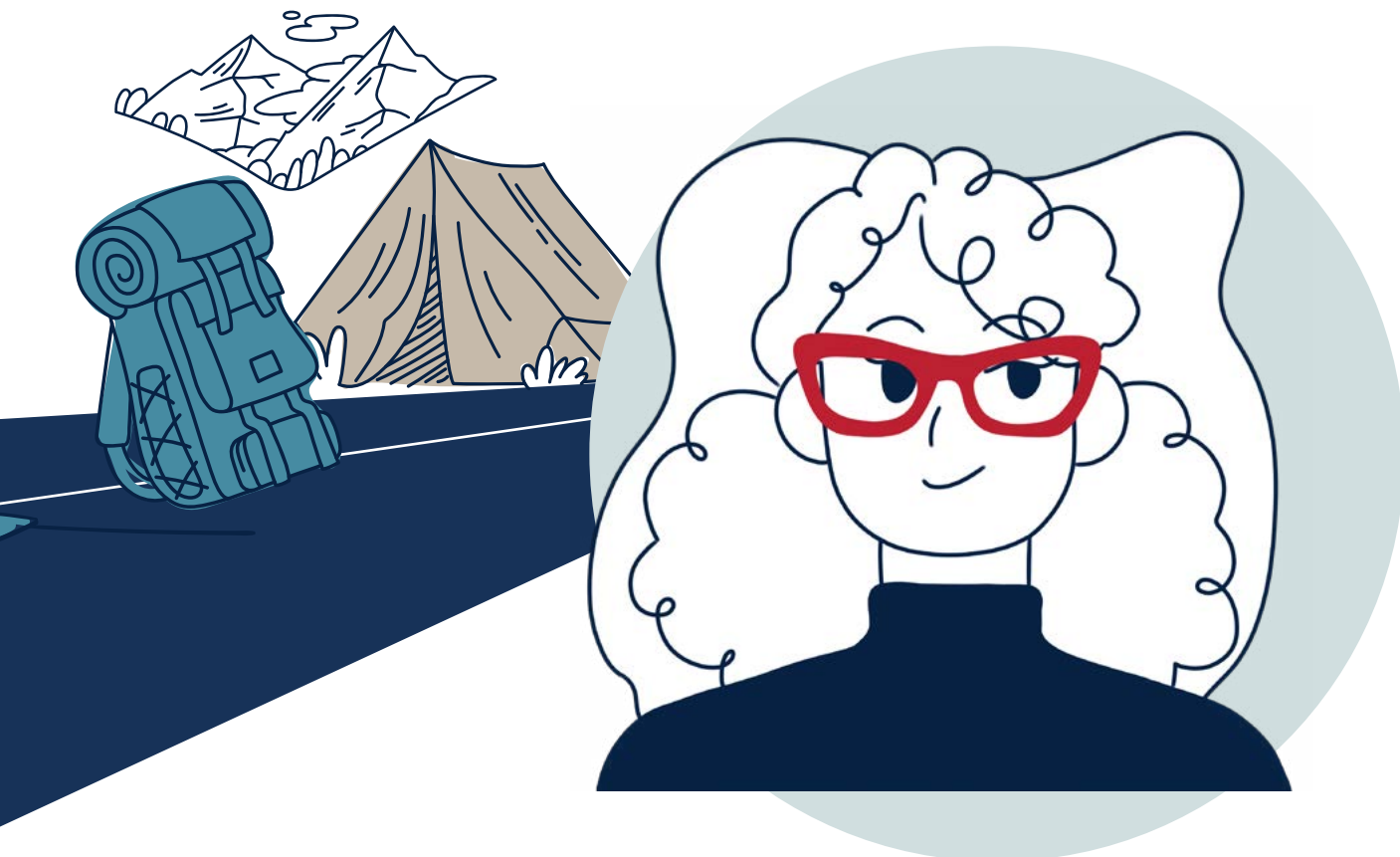


After writing articles for the College newsletter, I decided to start a student newspaper with my friends.



Mia's Journey

I'm energised by the outdoors and one of my favourite adventure activities was bushwalking on school camps.

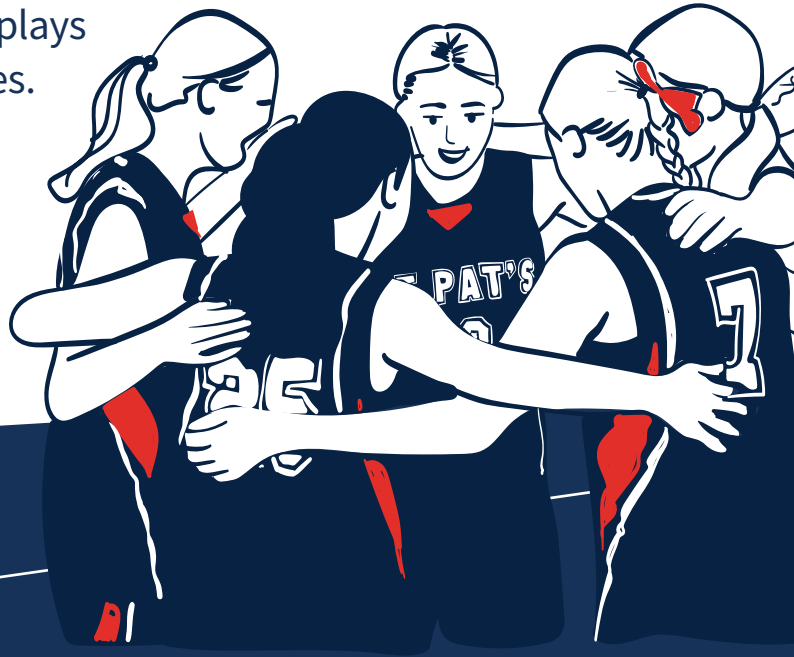


The Public Speaker

Mia is now a barrister, specialising in human rights law, particularly discrimination and asylum seeker and refugee rights. She represents clients in the High Court of Australia and overseas at United Nations Tribunals.

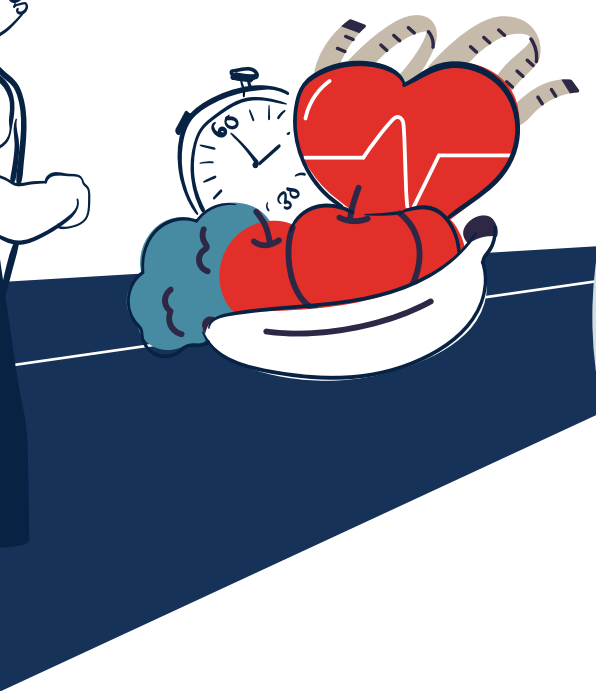
I enjoy the order
that's involved in
sport – everyone
knows and plays
by clear rules.

My teammates
remained some of
my best friends after
graduation; we have
fun together and we
support each other
through thick and thin.



Chloe's Journey

At school, one of my favourite projects was creating a documentary that researched the nutritional and exercise habits of St Pat's students.

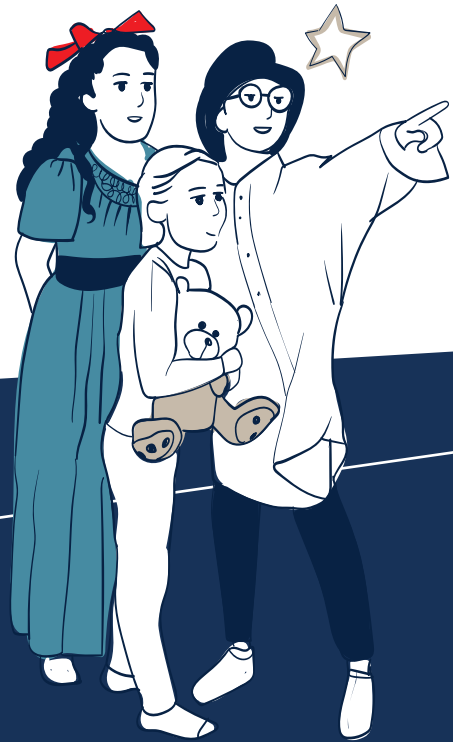


The Sports Star

Chloe is an exercise scientist. She helps people recover from injuries, maximises the performance of elite athletes and improves people's health and wellbeing.

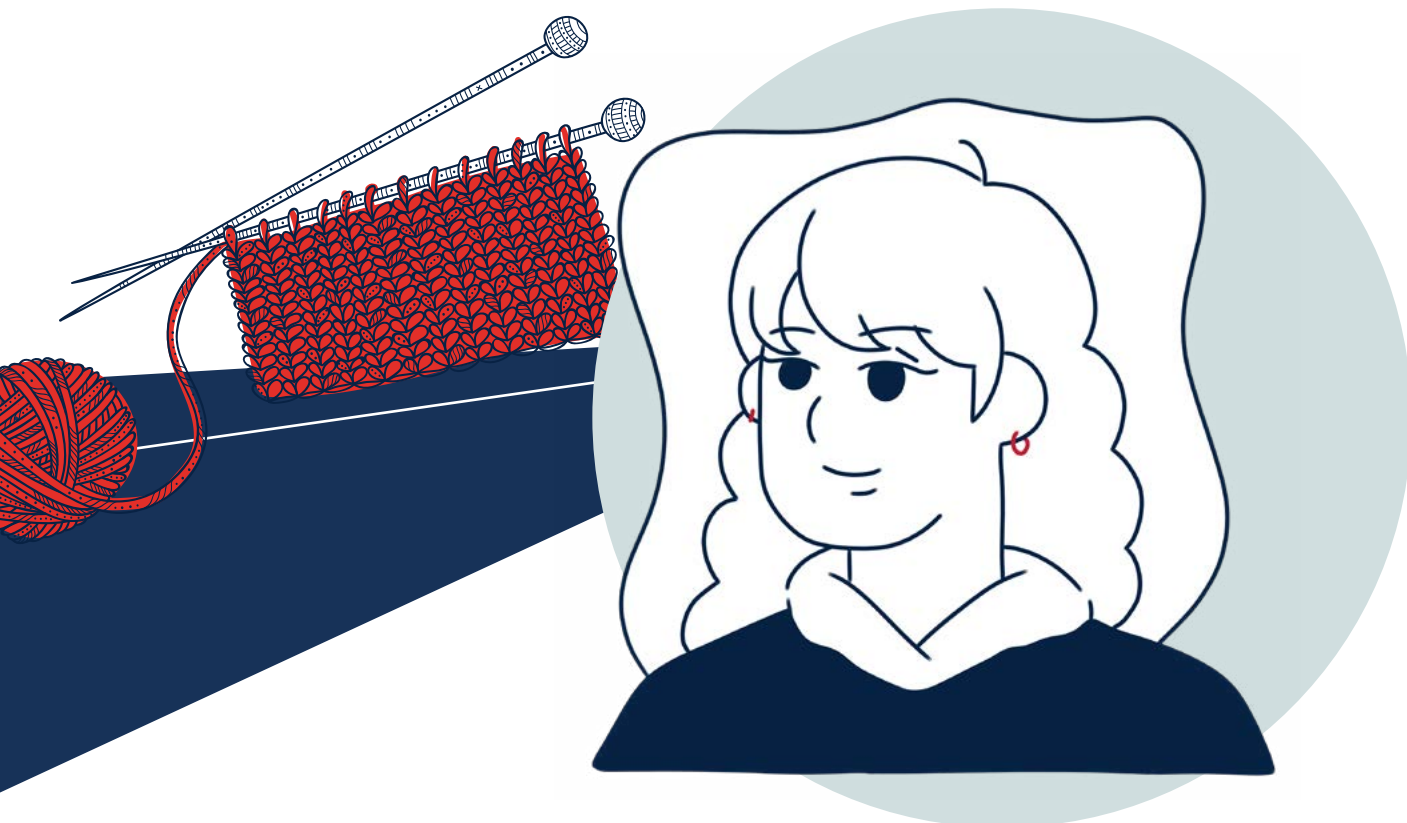
I was an avid singer and took private voice lessons at the College in addition to my regular music classes.

The highlight of my schooling was being cast as Wendy in Peter Pan, the musical St Pat's girls performed in collaboration with boys from St Gregory's College.



Lily's Journey

As a member of the St Pat's Knitting Club from Year 7 to Year 12, I donated more than 20 blankets to people experiencing homelessness in our local community.

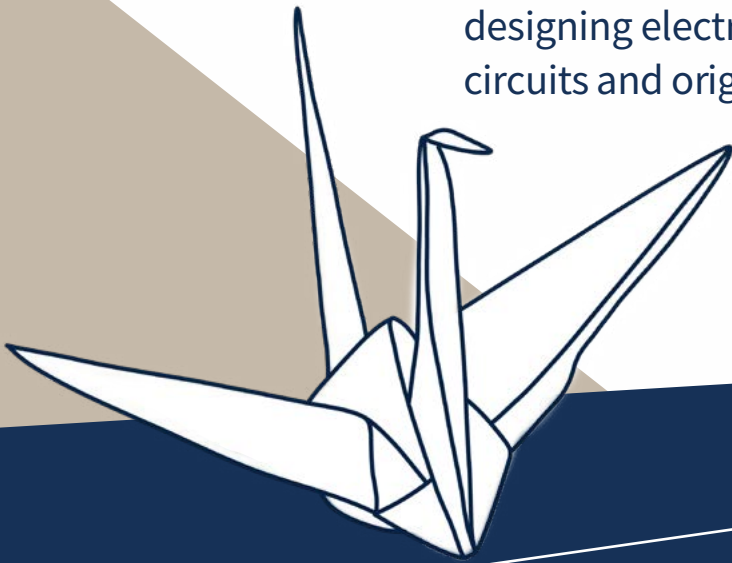


The Performer

Lily is a programming director for the Sydney Opera House. She coordinates the productions and events that are held at the venue and works with teams of others to manage ticketing, marketing, site management and technical production.

I have always been a meticulous person who enjoys detailed projects like embroidery, designing electronic circuits and origami.

Through Tech Club, I found my passion for coding and programming robots.



Ava's Journey

I complete ambitious projects by planning small goals that create a path to the finish line.



The Innovator

Ava is a Cyber Security Engineer, working for the Australian Government to protect the country from cyber threats. In her spare time, she developed an app that her local community uses to record sightings of endangered birds, helping scientists record data and find ways to protect wildlife from extinction.

I'm outgoing and
love to socialise with
different groups of
people.

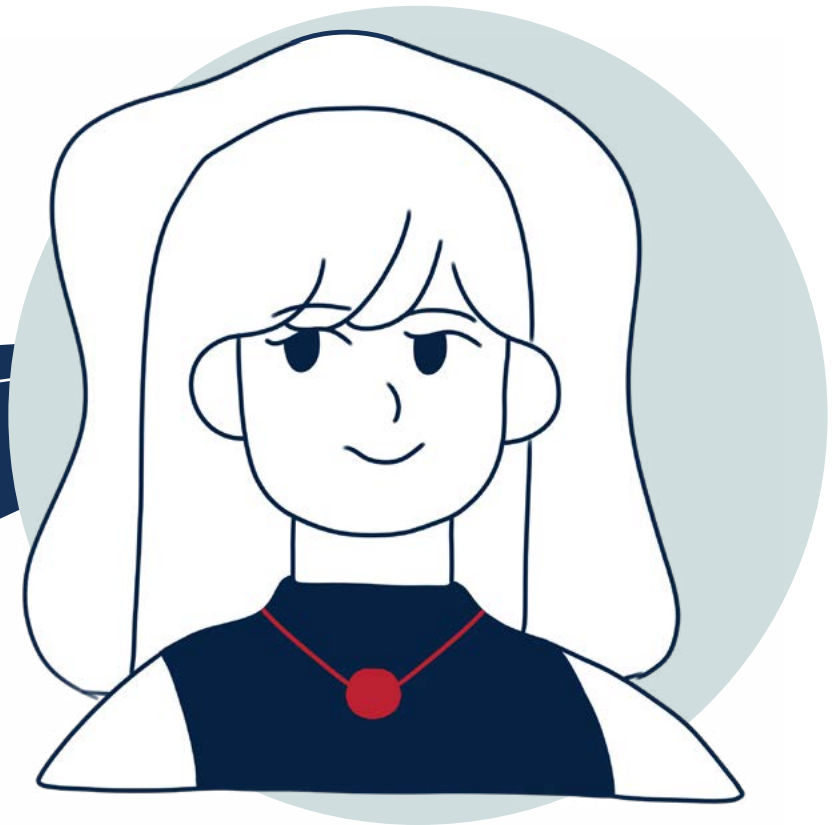


At school, I became
known for my
elaborate Book Week
costumes.



Isabella's Journey

My favourite volunteer project was when I was a tutor for other students at the St Pat's After School Assistance Program.



The Leader

Isabella was a high school English teacher and, after many years in the classroom, became Principal at her local school. She is known for creating a strong community of learners at her school and ensuring her students achieve their full potential, inside and outside the classroom.

We hope you enjoyed
your first week at the
College and explored
the many opportunities
available to St Pat's girls,
and where they can lead
you in the future.

For 185 years, we have helped students discover their passions and develop their skills, supporting them in becoming confident individuals who go on to make a positive impact on the world.

To learn more about what's on offer at St Patrick's, and to explore how the College can help you reach your full potential, click the link below to register for Open Day or a School Tour.

<https://www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au/news-events/>

