



St Mary's  
OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

# Molly Riley RISE Award

**The Molly Riley RISE Award recognises an Old Girl in pursuit of the extraordinary. The Old Girls' Association is honoured to establish this award in memory of Molly Walters (Riley '37, Head Girl), an inspirational woman.**

Molly Walters (Riley '37, Head Girl), daughter of Bishop C. L. Riley, founder of St Mary's, began her schooling at age five and thrived in both academics and co-curricular life. She enjoyed drama, art and sport, earned the Archbishop Riley Prize in 1936, and graduated as Dux and Head Girl in 1937. Although she qualified for university, her studies were postponed when her family moved to Bendigo, where she later met and married Mick in 1942. Their life together took them to the Cameroons and Nigeria through Mick's work with the British Colonial Services before they returned to Perth in 1966. Remarkably, Molly resumed her education at 60, completing a degree in Anthropology and Psychology at UWA a decade later.

A lifelong supporter of St Mary's, Molly remained closely connected to the School community. She regularly attended Old Girls' events, captivated Junior School students with stories from the 1920s and 1930s, and contributed generously to fundraising initiatives. Her dedication was recognised with Honorary Life Membership of the OGA in 1967. Molly passed away in 2017 at the age of 97, leaving a legacy of service, curiosity and unwavering commitment to her School.

## Eligibility

The Award recognises Old Girls who can show that they are inspiring role models in their careers, in the community, or in the world of the arts or sport. They will be engaged in the pursuit of lifelong learning, advancing along their chosen path, or will be embarking on or involved in a project that will have a positive impact on the world around them.

Old Girls who apply will be aspiring towards an experience that will enhance their lives and from which others will benefit. This Award acknowledges the value of women who are independently making their mark on the world by observing, learning from and contributing to different cultures and communities.

These endeavours could include, but are not limited to:

- Attending a professional conference or industry event,
- Spending time with a mentor interstate or overseas,
- Undertaking an internship,
- Undertaking charity work in isolated or underprivileged communities,

- Competing in a national or international sporting event,
- Engaging in wildlife/environmental protection projects and campaigns,
- Participating in an arts or cultural event such as auditioning for an orchestra, touring with a music group, producing a film, exhibiting at a Fashion Week,
- Purchasing new industry specific equipment or instruments.

The Award is not an academic award. Rather it acknowledges an Old Girl's service for others and/or aspirations for herself. Please note that an application to support an undergraduate or postgraduate degree is not eligible.

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## Criteria

- Applicants must be a Financial Member of the Old Girls' Association.
- Please complete the scholarship application form.
- Please address the selection criteria and submit a full account of how the funds will be used.
- Please provide a covering letter of no more than 800 words outlining:
  - How would you use the award in pursuit of your ambitions?
  - What difference will this award make to your endeavour?
  - What are your ambitions for the next five to ten years?
  - How will this endeavour enhance your passion, serve others and and/or aspirations for yourself and help achieve your five to ten years goals?
- Please also provide:
  - An itemised budget for your project (receipts must be provided after the fact to support your budget),
  - Details of two referees who can support your application and comment on your project,
  - If applicable, you are welcome to include any relevant press articles, awards, certificates, photos etc in support of your application.

## Judging Panel

- The judging panel may include all or some of the following:
  - OGA President
  - OGA Vice President
  - Principal or Principal's delegate
  - A member of the Walters/Riley family
  - An Honorary Member for Life of the Association

## Closing Date

- Applications close **5pm, Friday 10 April 2026.**
- Please address your application to: Mrs Amy Dawson, OGA President.
- Please post your application to Old Girls' Scholarship Applications – Molly Riley RISE Award, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, PO Box 105, Karrinyup WA 6921 or email [oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au](mailto:oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au)

## Additional Information

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview with members of the Judging Panel.
- Recipients of the Award are required to provide photographs and a written summary of their experiences and be willing to speak about their experiences to current students and/or OGA members in the future.
- The total amount awarded each year will not exceed \$5,000. In each year, if there is more than one worthy applicant, the Judges may choose to make more than one award. Should there be no worthy applicants, there will be no award.
- The Award will be made at the judges' discretion and their decision is final.

# Molly Riley RISE Award Application 2026

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Personal Details									
TITLE (Miss, Ms, Mrs, Dr)									
GIVEN NAME/S									
SURNAME									
MAIDEN NAME		DATE OF BIRTH							
PEER YEAR		HOUSE							

Contact Details	
HOME ADDRESS	
POSTAL ADDRESS (if different)	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	

Referee #1 Details	
NAME	
POSITION	
TELEPHONE	

Referee #2 Details	
NAME	
POSITION	
TELEPHONE	

Have you been the recipient of another St Mary's Old Girl Scholarship?	
IF YES, WHICH ONE?	
YEAR AWARDED	

Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION FORM COMPLETED
<input type="checkbox"/> MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE OGA
<input type="checkbox"/> COVERING LETTER ADDRESSING CRITERIA
<input type="checkbox"/> ITEMISED BUDGET
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTACT DETAILS FOR TWO REFEREES INCLUDED
<input type="checkbox"/> ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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