The Simpson Scholar

The Simpson Scholar will be expected to demonstrate:

◊ a care and concern for others
◊ a passion for a pursuit (eg sport, hobby, Science etc)
◊ high level of participation in school life
◊ high level of effort in every endeavour
◊ above average academic potential
◊ a desire to achieve at school
◊ leadership potential
◊ well-developed communication skills

Details including the selection process, criteria and terms and conditions are available on the Shelford website: www.shelford.vic.edu.au under News and Events.
Patrons
Mr Lindsay Gaze
Mr Andrew Gaze

“Paul Simpson was the absolute driving force behind the Melbourne Tigers junior girls’ and women’s basketball program. Paul dominated the junior girls’ basketball program and was a true inspiration for everyone. I am proud to be a Patron of the Simpson Memorial Scholarship and encourage everyone to support it generously so that Paul Simpson’s legacy continues.”
Lindsay Gaze

“Paul Simpson was a long time Melbourne Tigers’ man who made a wonderful contribution to basketball in Victoria. He was Director of Coaching for junior girls and senior women at Melbourne Tigers, and he had also been a state coach. He respected every individual and encouraged his teams to develop a strong work ethic, persistence in the face of adversity and resilience.”
Andrew Gaze

The Simpson Scholarship will be awarded annually for entry to Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 to a girl who would not normally have an opportunity to attend an independent school such as Shelford. The Scholarship will cover all tuition fees whilst the student attends Shelford. For the first 3 years it will be awarded to a girl from the Melbourne basketball fraternity who embodies the values and characteristics portrayed by Paul.

Paul Simpson joined the teaching staff at Shelford Girls’ Grammar in 2008. He was a much respected teacher of Science and his particular passion was Biology. Paul was also actively involved in the coaching of girls’ basketball teams.

To be in his company was to be in the company of a passionate and knowledgeable man. He had an extraordinary knowledge of plants and the natural world and his students knew this. He encouraged them to connect deeply with the environment.

The world was Paul’s classroom and he never missed an opportunity to share his knowledge and passion for life. Paul believed that it was possible through education to make the world a better place, by inspiring our young people to be the best they can be. He was a great mentor to not only our students but staff members too. Paul brought every shred of his being to his role as a teacher and a coach. Paul lifted his students’ vision of what was attainable, and he made our girls believe in themselves.

On 3 March, 2011 Paul died tragically whilst on a snorkelling activity with Year 10 students from Shelford Girls’ Grammar. The Shelford community wishes to perpetuate the memory of Paul Simpson with the establishment of a memorial scholarship.

The Simpson Scholarship Fund
The Principal of Shelford Girls’ Grammar Ms Polly Flanagan, and the Patrons of the Simpson Memorial Scholarship encourage you to donate to this very worthy cause. The Scholarship will be an ongoing reminder to the wider community of the wonderful legacy of Paul Simpson.

Donations to The Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. All gifts, no matter what size, will be gratefully accepted.

Donations can be made online, by cheque or credit card on the form below, or by contacting Marie De Sousa at Shelford on 9524 7413.

1. Online: www.shelford.vic.edu.au
   Go to Online Payments / Events / Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund. A receipt will be issued.
   I enclose my gift of: ☐ $20 ☐ $50 ☐ $75
   ☐ $100 ☐ $200 ☐ other $ _____

2. ☐ I enclose a cheque payable to: The Shelford Girls’ Grammar Scholarship Fund.

OR Please charge my credit card ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard
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