It is Christmas again and a time to reflect. It is also a time to celebrate our faith and to show the love we have for our families through giving and receiving. In Australia, those of us who have been educated at a school such as Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar are appreciative of the rich gifts we have been given in life. At this time of year, we seek to give back.

As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus, a new centrepiece is being sculpted from glass for the Ken Lyall Chapel. The Chapel was recently refurbished with a palette of muted greens and soft fabrics. The new sculpture will be the finishing touch to an inviting, reverent space.

The sculpture will be almost transparent; enhanced by green leaves entwined with white lilies, an ascending dove with outstretched wings and flecks of gold which catch the light. The design will be reflected in new window panels marking entry to the chapel – to be created by an artist who will be appointed in 2016.

We are proud to be working with one of our own to develop the new sculpture – Old Strathconian, Jennifer King (1999). Jennifer holds a Master of Fine Art from Monash University, Melbourne. Her practice is informed by the interconnections between the built and natural environment, science, light and materiality. Through our commission, she explores the spiritual environment too; the fluid, watery quality of the glass echoes the tradition of baptism in the Baptist Church and the rising dove symbolises turning attention to heaven. We hope the sculpture will draw girls into the Chapel for a moment of quiet reflection and prayer.

This Christmas, we invite you to make a contribution towards the cost of these beautiful new artworks.

A gift of $1,000 will be tastefully recognised alongside the sculpture, with your name engraved on the brass honour board as a Principal Donor.

A gift of any amount is valued, and you will be acknowledged as a donor.

All donors will be recognised for their contribution to the artwork with an invitation to a special dedication service for the Chapel in 2016.

We encourage you to support us by filling in and returning the response slip.

Thank you for your contribution to our School this year.
I wish you and your loved ones a happy, holy Christmas and a safe holiday.

Marise McConaghy, Principal

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