

# School Houses



Westminster School

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# SCHOOL HOUSES



Our House system extends across the whole School to deliver our pastoral care and wellbeing programs. Students are assigned to one of six Houses in the Preparatory School and one of ten in the Senior School. Houses comprise students from all age groups (within their respective Schools, Preparatory or Senior) and form the basis for friendly, intra-School competition for sports days and other activities.

In the Senior School, Year 8 students are assigned a class group with a class teacher, who is responsible for their care and welfare. The Head of Year 8 oversees and supports the class teachers and all Year 8 students. From Year 9 onwards, pastoral care is overseen by the relevant Head of House with assistance from tutors, and guidance under the direction of the Head of Senior School. In general, the Head of House will be the first point of contact for many parents in the Senior School.

Our Heads of Houses build trusting relationships with each student under their care, having an insightful overview of their welfare and personal needs. The House tutors work with smaller tutor groups within the House and interact with students daily, with each House holding regular meetings for students of all ages to interact and build lasting relationships.

Each House elects leaders, who accept positions of responsibility within both the House and the wider School. Houses also organise community service activities and fundraising projects, and involve parents in many of their activities. The Houses in the Preparatory School are named after aspects of the Westminster complex in London, United Kingdom, while the Houses in the Senior School are named after individuals of great vision and leaders in the founding of the School.



## Abbey

Colour: Orange

The famous Westminster Abbey, alongside Westminster School, London.



## Charter

Colour: Blue

The Magna Carta, the great list of freedoms guaranteed by King John I at Runnymede in 1215. It represents the parliamentary process.



## Crown

Colour: Purple

The royal families who have provided leadership throughout history and is specifically representative of the Palace at Westminster.



## Mace

Colour: Red

The club-shaped staff, the symbol of authority in Parliament.



## Wesley

Colour: Teal

John Wesley who founded the Methodist Church and his brother Charles who attended Westminster School, London.



## Wyvern

Colour: Gold

The mythical wyverns, Welsh dragons that were supposed to vanquish evil. John Wesley wore them on his ecclesiastical garments. They therefore represent the Church and are specifically representative of Westminster Abbey.



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## Carter

Colour: Sky Blue

Mr Roy Carter - a School Council and Executive Committee member, Mr Carter was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1966 for services to the community.

The Carter Laboratories were opened in 1966 in his honour. He was made a Life Member of the School in 1975.



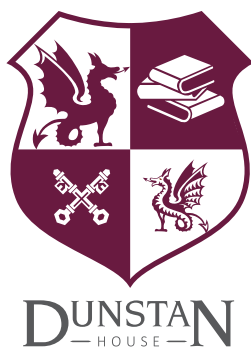
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## Clark

Colour: Green

Mr Paul Clark – a member of the School Council in 1959 and Council Treasurer for over 25 years from 1960 until 1986.

Mr Clark gave outstanding and professional service to the School for many years and was made a Life Member of the School Council in 1986.



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## Dunstan

Colour: Burgundy

Mr Douglas A. Dunstan – having been a leader in the printing trade, Mr Dunstan was a Member of School Council from 1961 until 1976 when he was made a Life Member of the School.

Mr Dunstan also developed the School seal and helped raise funds to build the School.



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## Fereday

Colour: Navy Blue

Mr Stanley Fereday – a highly regarded housing estate builder whose wisdom, generosity, and technical knowledge was of immense value in the building of the newly proclaimed School that opened in a 'green field' with just three structures.

Mr Fereday was a Foundation Member of the School Council.



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## Forder

Colour: Pink

Mr Douglas Highmoor Forder – Westminster’s first appointed Headmaster until he retired in 1976. Mr Forder is remembered as a great man who worked tirelessly to make Westminster a success.

The Forder Centre in the Preparatory School and the Principal’s Residence ‘Highmoor’ have been named in his honour.



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## Fricker

Colour: Orange

Mr Frederick Fricker – a well-known building contractor who worked on major SA Government developments. Mr Fricker was Chairman of the School’s Building Committee for many years.

The Fricker Centre, purpose built as a library in the 1970s and currently the Year 12 Centre, was named in his honour.



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## Heaslip

Colour: Red

Mr Frank Heaslip – a successful grazier and businessman. Mr Heaslip was integral in driving the fundraising campaign across the state to establish Westminster.

He was the first Chairman of School Council, holding this position until the end of the 'all boys' era in 1977. He was made a Life Member of the School Council in 1978.



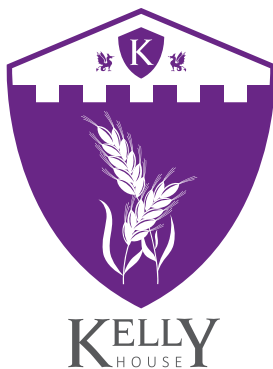
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## Jeffries

Colour: Yellow

Sir Shirley Jeffries – a former Attorney General and Minister of Education in the Playford Government of South Australia. A man of great faith, Sir Shirley was instrumental in Westminster being named after the famous London school and adopting the motto of Deo Duce.

The Sir Shirley Jeffries Memorial Chapel was named in his honour.



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## Kelly

Colour: Purple

Mr Arthur Kelly – the first donor to Westminster School, who donated £1500 in 1957 by slipping a cheque into Frank Heaslip’s pocket as a contribution towards the parcel of land purchased to establish the School.

Being the first donation received, the Westminster Foundation’s Kelly Society for bequests is named in recognition of his generosity.



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## Woollacott

Colour: White

Reverend Harry Woollacott – Mr Woollacott drove the committee appointed by the Methodist conference in 1956 to consider the feasibility of a new school.

He was Secretary of School Council (1958 to 1970) and School Chaplain (1961 to 1963), becoming a Life Member of the School in 1963.



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