

Dr Pamela Wall OAM Honorary Fellow of St Mark's College

Dr Pamela Wall OAM is, jointly with her late husband (Dr Ian Wall AM), the largest donor to the College in its history, making both Pamela and Ian Wall Governors of the St Mark's College Foundation.

Together with Ian Wall (St Mark's 1950-54, Honorary Fellow from 2008), Pamela Wall has taken a very active interest in the College, including attending very many College events as well as making philanthropic gifts, over some decades. Her connection with the College goes back to Ian's student days at St Mark's, when she was nursing at the Women's & Children's Hospital. They married in 1954, soon after Ian went out of residence at the College.

The donations given by the Walls have made possible such projects as construction of East Wing (including the Ian and Pamela Wall Academic Centre, the gym, and two levels of high-quality student accommodation), the construction and later extension of the car park, construction of some of the flats (their joint names are recognised on the plaque for the Wall flats), and various other projects, including the Downer House lift and scholarships.

The joint nature of their support for St Mark's was reflected in the commissioning by the College of a joint portrait of Ian and Pamela Wall which was painted by Tsering Hannaford and unveiled in December 2021. It hangs in the College Dining Hall.

Pamela Wall has maintained her active interest in the College since Ian's death in October 2022.

Pamela Maunsell Wall (nee Hogon) was born in July 1934, and educated at Walford and Woodlands, both Anglican schools for girls. She worked in the National Bank before training as a nurse at the Women's & Children's Hospital. After marrying Ian Wall, she supported him in the foundation of EILCO, which later became Codan, and served on the Board of Codan for 20 years. She also became active in helping to lead charitable fundraising and related work, for example for Legacy and Novita, and later other charities.

In January 2007, Pamela Wall was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia "for service to the community through a range of disability support, veterans' welfare and charitable organisations".

With the continued growth of Codan into a globally successful company, Pamela became, jointly with Ian, among South Australia's greatest modern philanthropists, supporting many institutions and organisations including in education, health and medical research, children's welfare, the arts, heritage, and more. Her active interest in and support for such organisations, including for St Mark's, continues.

In 2022, she and Ian Wall were awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Adelaide in recognition of their role in Codan's success and their exceptional joint philanthropy.