

LRGS 550 Alumni Survey

In November we undertook a survey of alumni as part of our Feasibility Study. This was to gain an independent review and recommendations about the school's plans for our 550th anniversary, and of the fundraising ability of school and its partners. Thank you to all alumni who took part in the study. Your feedback has been extremely helpful in developing our plans. A summary of the findings is below.

Consultant Chris Goldie of Gifted Philanthropy undertook 30 confidential interviews with a cross section of the school community to discuss the plans and the school's fundraising potential. The company also conducted an on-line survey of alumni and parents to provide an overview from our wider school family.

Interviewees were universally supportive and complimentary about the school. There was an exceptional response rate to the questionnaire from both parents and alumni.

Alumni considered themselves to be fortunate to have attended LRGS and were supportive of the concept of giving something back. Parents praised the standards of academic excellence, its standard of pastoral care and the broad range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Overall interviewees applauded the school's vision:

- to widen outreach and access
- to achieve the highest aspirations of academic excellence for all
- to be a world changing environment for health, wellbeing and sport

There was a strong feeling that the school should be ambitious with its targets in order to make a transformational difference.

The alumni survey focussed on the alumni's relationship with the school, how the school maintains contact with them, what alumni events would be attractive to them and how they might support the school.

Key findings were:

1. 88% stated that the school had either made a significant contribution to their personal development or helped alumni to achieve their ambitions
2. 97% stated that the quality of their education had been excellent or good
3. 59% stated that they are members of the OL Club
4. 27% stated they had not been back to school since leaving
5. The most popular option for alumni events was year group reunions
6. 76% are still in touch with fellow students
7. When asked whether they would be inclined to make a donation to the school just 22% advised that they would not give
8. 43% advised that they might consider a legacy gift to the school
9. When asked what project or cause they would be most likely to support, results were as follows:
 - a. 35% Outreach initiatives
 - b. 32% Academic and pastoral support for students hampered by adverse circumstances
 - c. 14% Improved sporting facilities
 - d. 11% Improved capital facilities
 - e. 8% An endowment fund