



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

**Donald Charles TYLER**  
Graduated from Perth Modern School in 1945

**MODERNIAN FELLOW 2014**

Throughout his successful professional life, **Donald Charles Tyler** has been an enthusiastic ambassador for Modern School. He is very public about the fact that he has great affection for Perth Modern School and appreciates the education he received there.

Donald Tyler has been a substantial supporter of the School and the Perth Modernian Society. His support is marked by wise and sensitive timing as well as generosity. His several contributions to the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund** were not only generous, but also opportune in that they enabled the this fund to reach a sustainable basis. The majority of his gift funds, in perpetuity, three annual *Don Tyler Scholarships (Academic Excellence)* awarded to entry level students who display academic excellence but whose opportunities and educational success are likely to be limited by personal or financial need. The Scholarships support the successful students through to Year 10.

Furthermore, his timely commitment has convinced others that support for such scholarships was appropriate. His philanthropy has and still is stimulating contributions from other ex-students, resulting today in a strong and effective fund that is unique amongst public secondary schools in Western Australia.

Many able students with particular personal needs have and will benefit from his contributions to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund, and a lucky few with outstanding musical talent will be helped to achieve their potential because of the *Donald Tyler Musical Instrument Scholarship*.

The special support of Donald to the School is not always apparent, but when he sees a need he moves quietly to meet it. When they see the School's grand piano protected by a special cover, few will know that this is his doing. Many might be aware that he contributed personally to the 'Build the Dream' appeal for the Health and Fitness Centre, but few will have heard that as he watched the dream grow, he saw the need for certain essential equipment and quietly met that need. Donald would have felt pleased when the School Principal stated that *"The result is beyond anything we could have imagined. It will certainly make a significant difference to the School's ability to provide much of the equipment for the project."*

We are aware that Don does not seek publicity but his support will change the lives of many students. Don's great friend and accountant Mr Allen Prince has also played a very important part with the finances to make Don's intentions happen in an efficient way.

Don is a regular attendee at Perth Modernians Society and Perth Modern School events and enjoys mixing with Society members and School staff, as well as meeting students including the winners of the Scholarships that bear his name.

**Donald Charles Tyler, you have made a significant contribution to the Society and thereby to the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.**

**The Perth Modernians Society is pleased to bestow upon you the honour of MODERNIAN FELLOW.**

**This award entitles you to particular consideration in all Society matters and functions.**