**WOMEN INSPIRING ACTION**

**Symposium**

**svc celebrating International Women’s Day**

**AMY COOPES**  
Freelance Journalist | Medical Student  
SVC Ex-Student, Class of 2000

The evening will be facilitated by Amy Coopes. Amy is a true all rounder, a person with many talents. On completion of the HSC she went on to study Communications, with enormous success and has spent the past ten years, covering major stories as a journalist, including time as a foreign correspondent for Agence France Presse.

For many that would be enough, but Amy has now chosen a new path and is currently in her third year of medicine. Amy is on a government scholarship, the John Flynn Placement Program (JFPP), for people interested in working at some of Australia’s most remote hospitals.

Last year Amy spent time at a remote Aboriginal community called Laramba in the Northern Territory. Amy is a perfect facilitator for this evening which celebrates St Vincent’s College women inspiring action.

**TESSA CAMPBELL**  
SVC Ex-Student, Class of 2009

Tessa is currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Medicine at the University of Sydney, supported by an Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship. After graduating from St Vincent’s College in 2009 she completed a Bachelor of Science with first class Honours in Immunology at the University of Sydney. During her undergraduate studies she undertook a semester abroad at the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. It was here that Tessa established a curiosity to explore how infectious pathogens interact with the human immune system—a passion that led her into a PhD. Two years into her PhD now, Tessa has published her work in a leading journal in the field of virology, and presented at numerous international and national conferences. When she is not in the field of Science and Medicine, Tessa can be ‘courageous women of action’.

**DR KAREN FISHER**  
Clinical Director - Centre for Addiction Medicine NBMHD  
SVC Ex-Student, Class of 1982  
Mother of Amanda, Class of 2004 and Natalie, Class of 2003

Karen started Year 7 at St Vincent’s as a very fortunate bursary recipient, completing the HSC as Dux, and one of the top twenty students in the State. Studied Arts/Law at USyd, starting her career in manufacturing/retail business. Realised living with HealthIT tends to lead to being a wondering ghost on the Moors, needing to look after four children, Karen headed back to USyd to complete the new post graduate course in medicine.

Karen works as a specialist in Addiction Medicine, and is Clinical Director of Drug and Alcohol services in the Nepean Blue Mountains Health District. After a Masters in Public Health Karen saw new ways that might be explored to achieve better outcomes informed by a social determinants lens and so is completing a Doctorate in Public Health at UNSW. For Karen, each day professionally is informed by the core values of equality, knowledge, faith and justice instilled in by the amazing women who taught her at St Vincent’s.

**DR LEONIE WATTERSON**  
Clinical Associate  
MBBS FANZCA MClinEd  
SVC Parent  
SVC Ex-Student, Class of 1982

Leonie Watterson works as a medical specialist anesthetist at several hospitals in Sydney. She is a Clinical Associate Professor at Sydney Medical School and Director of the Sydney Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre. Dr Watterson’s role is that of a training unit located at Royal North Shore Hospital that trains health professionals using robotic simulators. She is currently enrolled in a Graduate Certificate in organisational coaching and leadership at Charles Sturt University.

**CLAIRE HENRY**  
SVC Ex-Student, Class of 2009

Claire Henry completed her undergraduate degree with a Bachelor of Science in microbiology and cancer pathology at UNSW. She received two scholarships to begin a PhD in 2014, with an interest in ovarian cancer. Claire works at the Lowy Cancer Research Centre in collaboration with the clinicians of the Royal Women’s Hospital Randwick, and her lab is supported by the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF). Her research focuses on understanding the way cancer cells invade and spread throughout the body at a molecular level, and what makes ovarian cancer such an aggressive disease. In particular, her project investigates cell receptors called the RORs, which are abnormally up regulated in cancer, and have the potential to become new therapeutic targets for patients with ovarian cancer. Claire has presented her work all over Australia; in Melbourne, Broome and Sydney. This year she will be presenting her work in New Orleans, USA and visiting a prestigious ovarian cancer research lab in Chicago where she will learn cutting edge lab techniques. Claire is motivated by her interest in women’s health awareness and medical research.

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St Vincent’s College presents an evening of connections and celebration.

Five SVC women will inspire as they share their story in the fields of Science and Medicine.

The speakers will reflect and share...

The path followed, how they have been courageous in overcoming challenges and obstacles. They will reflect on the inspiration and companions that have assisted in their journey and as ‘wisdom’ figure will inspire us to be ‘courageous women of action’.

**All within our community are warmly invited.**

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