

Lyndall Crisp '65

Along with her sisters Caroline and Jocelyn, Lyndall attended Kambala from Kindergarten through to Leaving Certificate. After leaving in 1965 she secured a cadetship — uncommon for girls in this era — at *The Daily Mirror*. There she reported on everything from police matters and courts, to politics, the arts, sport, fashion and royal tours.

In the decades that followed, Lyndall worked as a journalist for *The Australian*, *The National Times* and *The Sun-Herald*. She also worked

as a researcher on documentary programs for the Nine Network and Seven Network, but the written word was always her first love. Lyndall won several major journalism awards including the Human Rights Award for feature writing. She moved back to print in 1991 when she was appointed the first female editor of Australia's oldest news magazine, *The Bulletin*, a position she held for four years. In 2008 her book about the famous racehorse Takeover Target became a bestseller in its category. That same year she launched *The Australian*'s business magazine, *The Deal*, which she edited for nearly five years before returning to the paper to write features, news stories, profiles and TV previews.

Lyndall is a good example of a student whose star didn't shine at school, but whose passion for her craft and determination to overcome gender obstacles in what was a predominantly male world, saw her achieve success in her chosen field.