

Sheila (Stark) Copp '28

(1912 - 1969)



Sheila was born on 23 October 1912 and attended Kambala from 1924 -1928, during which she was the first Roseby House Prefect and was awarded the Dr Latham Cup in her final year. After completion of the Leaving Certificate she worked at the Australian Museum for a year until she was old enough to study at Australian College of Physical Education. At the College she excelled in fencing, hockey and many other sports and became the top student in her year. After graduating as a Sports Mistress she moved to Presbyterian Girls' College, Adelaide and worked there whilst she represented South Australia in hockey. She moved to Perth College and represented Western Australia in

hockey for two years. Sheila then accepted a position at SCEGGS Darlinghurst as Sports Mistress and represented NSW at Hockey.

She became engaged to Milton Copp in 1940 and they were married at St Michael's, Vaucluse before he sailed to the Middle East. Milton eventually returned home, although very badly injured. In 1949 Milton and Sheila founded a tennis school and taught at many schools in the City, Southern Highlands and in the New England District of New South Wales.

Sheila was a long-time President of the Kambala Old Girls' Union and the Kambala Parents' Association, which she helped to found. She was also a member of the School Council. Her daughters Jennifer (Copp) Gore '58, Margaret (Copp) Armstrong '63, and Rosemary (Copp) Paterson '63 are Kambala Old Girls. Sheila never wavered from her conviction that Kambala was a school with which one should be proud to be associated, and a school which was a great influence for good in the community. Following her death in August 1969, the Sheila Copp Memorial Trophy for Sport and Sportsmanship was given by the Old Girls' Union in recognition of all she had done for the School.