

Sister's best honour, bar 'nun'

SISTER Ailsa Mackinnon was honoured when the plaque with the name for the new building at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta was unveiled.

The Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre was officially opened on Friday with the former principal of the school on hand to welcome students through the halls for the first time.

"Never at any moment did I think that eventually a building would bear my name," Sister Mackinnon said.

"To have your name on a building is unique. It reminds the school community that it has a rich history."

Sister Mackinnon was the eighth and last Sister of Mercy nun principal at the 127-year-old school, serving

as principal from 1990 until 2004, joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1963.

"To have buildings named after Sisters helps to keep the history of the school alive," she said.

Construction of the building began in July 2015, with students now able to use the 1200-seat hall and a multi-purpose court for sports on the centre's rooftop.



Ailsa Mackinnon with students Dunya Vasic and Emily Dwyer.

biggest city in the west, so there are students here that have stories to tell and voices that should be heard."

Sweatshop writers are from diverse backgrounds and use their own passion for stories and culture to encourage students to "love themselves".

"We believe in helping a writer craft their story from the bottom up. To make it publishable and successful, the students need to see that it is possible and what we do with the collective is lead by example," he said.



Notice of Public Meeting Sydney West Central Planning Panel

The Panel will meet to determine the following:

- **2016SYW094 – Parramatta – 286/2016**
– 26-28 Lydbrook Street, Westmead – Demolition, tree removal and construction of a four storey Residential Flat Building comprising 26 units over basement parking under Affordable Rental Housing SEPP 2009.
- **2016SYW187 – Parramatta – DA/368/2016/A**
– 35 Oxford Street, Epping NSW 2121 – Section 96(2) modification to approval of a 22 storey mixed use development comprising 55 units over basement parking for 67 vehicles. Proposed amendments include increase the floor to ceiling heights, modification to unit mix, internal basement level and service and modification to unit numbers and plans.

When: Wednesday, 1 March 2017 at 2.30pm

Where: Rydalmere Operations Centre,
316 Victoria Road, Rydalmere

Relevant documents will be available on the Planning Panels website (www.planningpanels.nsw.gov.au) at least seven days before the meeting.

To register to speak at the meeting, please contact the Planning Panels Secretariat before 4pm on Monday, 27 February 2017 on (02) 8217 2060 or email enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au

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