

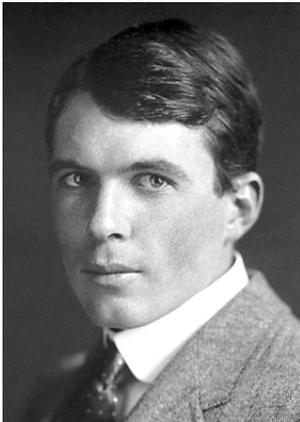


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ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

## A Nobel Impact

St Peter's College in Adelaide - the alma mater of three of Australia's 15 Nobel Prize winners - was the venue today for the announcement by the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Education regarding the Australian Laureate Fellowships.

St Peter's College is proud to have educated three Nobel Laureates:



Sir (William) Lawrence Bragg, CH OBE MC FRS (SPSC 1901-1904)

Australia's first Nobel Laureate was Sir William Lawrence Bragg, who attended the School from 1901-1904. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics at the age of 25 for his ground-breaking work with his father for the analysis of crystal structure by means of X-rays.

Sir Lawrence Bragg was awarded the Order of the Companions of Honour (CH). Founded by King George V for his outstanding achievements in science. There are no more than 65 Companions of Honour including the Sovereign.

Sir Lawrence Bragg received the Copley and Royal Medal of the Royal Society.

Sir Lawrence Bragg remains the youngest-ever laureate.

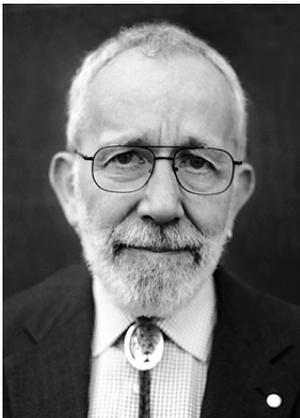


Lord Howard Florey, OM Kt FRS (SPSC 1911-1916)

Australia's second Nobel Laureate, Lord Florey, attended the School from 1911-1916. Arguably, his joint discovery of penicillin was one of the top 10 greatest medical discoveries of all time. Indeed, former Prime Minister, Robert Menzies said of Florey: "in terms of world wellbeing, Florey was the most important man ever born in Australia."

Lord Florey was awarded the Insignia of the Order of Merit (OM). Established by King Edward VII. The Order of Merit is in the sole gift of the Sovereign and is restricted to 24 members.

Lord Florey's portrait appeared on the Australian \$50 dollar note from 1973-1995.



J. Robin Warren, AC FRS (SPSC 1950-1954)

Australia's 12th Nobel Laureate, J. Robin Warren AC, attended the School from 1950-1954. His joint discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease has changed the lives of countless millions throughout the world.

J. Robin Warren was awarded the Faulding Florey medal in 1998 centenary of the birth of Lord Florey.

J. Robin Warren AC was awarded The Companion of the Order of Australia in 2007 for service to medicine and to medical research.



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### **A Nobel Impact Cont.**

It is worth recalling with pride that Bragg, Florey and Warren were once regular schoolboys here dashing through the quadrangles from one class to the next. Our archives show that each enjoyed representing the School in sport, music, drama and debating as well as excelling academically. In other words, even then, Saints was developing the 'whole' man, not only supporting academic endeavour.

Aristotle said educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. It is another thread that runs through the stories of Bragg, Florey and Warren's legacy. They displayed the hallmarks of an exceptional education: curiosity, creativity and perseverance. Those character strengths underpinned our Nobel Laureates' relentless pursuit to solve seemingly impossible questions.

St Peter's College's vision is to be a world-class school where boys flourish. Our mission is to provide an exceptional education that brings out the best in every boy. Bragg, Florey and Warren - because of their achievements - perhaps are at the apex of this vision, but all boys in their own, various ways, reflect Saints and its ethos.

The legacy of our Nobel Laureate Old Scholars is truly exceptional and, I hope, issues a call to a new generation of Saints boys to strive for even greater heights.

#### **Other information**

- The Laureate scheme funded by the Australian Government and the Australian Research Council supports excellence in research by attracting world-class researchers and research leaders to key positions in the country.
- Sir Lawrence Bragg and Lord Florey were Fellows of the Royal Society of London, the world's oldest learned society founded by Royal Charter in 1660.
- 42 Rhodes Scholars attended St Peter's College, Adelaide.
- 10 Australian Premiers attended St Peter's College, Adelaide.
- St Peter's College is an Anglican boys' school situated in Adelaide, South Australia founded in 1847.
- In 2012 Australia Post honoured two of the five remarkable Australian recipients of the Nobel Prize were from St Peter's College, Adelaide: William Lawrence Bragg and Howard Florey.