

The word "Lowana" is written in a dark blue, cursive script font. The background of the entire page features a vibrant design with yellow and pink jagged, lightning-bolt-like shapes on a dark blue background, which is also covered in a pattern of small, light blue dots.

Lowana

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Help us grow!

Parents, families and friends of Lowana, local businesses and girls are rallying to raise \$350,000 by November 2018 for a bigger centre!

Why should I help?

Lowana serves Penrith and the wider community with a range of initiatives for girls and women of all ages. A comprehensive program of activities like guided after school study sessions; workshops teaching practical skills for primary to uni aged students; talks on social and professional matters for young adults; local, regional and international volunteer community service projects; as well as optional spiritual input all help participants reach their full potential as the leaders and shapers of today and tomorrow.

How will my donation help?

Lowana depends on the donations of families and individuals to finance its every day running costs and current mortgage. We are fundraising to cover the remaining cost of a new property which will enable us to grow.

Your donation will help us reach our vision of a purpose built centre with a large library and study area, meeting rooms, chapel, kitchen, and indoor and outdoor recreation areas.

SIGN ME UP!

Please consider a tax deductible donation, your generosity is so much appreciated by all the women and girls who benefit from the work of Lowana

Go to www.lowana.org.au to donate and find out more about activities at Lowana.

There is more than one way to help!

Please email fundlowana@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

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28 YEARS IN THE MAKING

1992

The beginnings of Lowana. Parents in the Penrith area start hosting small but well attended activities for girls and women in their homes and in community centres, including crafting, cooking, community service, talks on character development and after school study sessions

2005 - 2009

Girls club needs a home, as activities are now frequent and very popular. Several attempts made to buy a house but no suitable location found

2010

House rented in Stoke St, South Penrith and the name "Lowana", meaning "young girl" was chosen for the centre

OCT 2010

Lowana has a home! With the help of Association for Education Projects LTD (AEPL), parents successfully purchase 11 Higgins St at auction in Penrith and begin paying off the loan

2011 - 2012

DA approved for Change of Use and works commence on minor alterations to make the house more suitable for activities. A small library/study, chapel and common computer area installed and by 2012 the new Lowana Study Centre is ready

2013

We have already outgrown the little red brick house at 11 Higgins, with so many girls and women attending our activities. Many activities move to local community centres and another property close to 11 Higgins is rented.

2018

Breakthrough! After many attempts over the previous 5 years to find an opportunity to expand the premises, Lowana makes an offer on the house next door and on 24th May, a contract is signed for the sale of the property. Now we can take off!

MAY 2018 - NOVEMBER 2018

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What is Lowana?

Lowana is a non profit, volunteer based study centre in Penrith, committed to forming girls and women of character who can inspire, give and lead in their community by encouraging them to seek personal and professional excellence in their studies and work. Lowana welcomes women and girls of all ages, creeds, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. For more information about Lowana and the activities available go to www.lowana.org.au

Lowana is a project of Association for Educational Projects LTD (AEPL), a non profit company focused on promoting educational activities, character development and Christian ideals. Activities of Christian formation are entrusted to Opus Dei, a Personal Prelature of the Catholic Church.