$850,000 BEQUEATHED TO CONSERVATORIUM

An endowment fund of $852,000 has been established by the late Patricia Long to assist students in the Conservatorium High School, Sydney.

The NSW Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, today announced the Patricia Long Bequest which provides for scholarships to support students attending the specialist music school.

"Thanks to the enormous generosity of the late Patricia Long, students at the Conservatorium High School will have the opportunity to benefit from scholarships to assist their studies," Ms Firth said.

"Patricia Long’s association with the Conservatorium High began in the late 1990s when the son of close friends of hers was attending the school.

“A staunch supporter of the school, Patricia Long became became the school’s most generous benefactor donating funds every year to help students whose families were facing financial hardship.

“Her extraordinary generosity helped many students who otherwise might not have been able to continue their musical pursuits.”

Minister Firth said the Bequest stipulates that funds are to assist students coming in to the school and going on to tertiary studies at Sydney University.

“The Conservatorium High School is the secondary arm of the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney and the State's only specialist music high school," Ms Firth said.

“The school offers gifted music students an excellent general education while enabling them to focus intensively on nurturing their musical talent.

“The school has produced some of Australia's most acclaimed performers, teachers, composers and musicians.

“Students from all over the state apply to enrol at the school and those who face relocation costs and extra tuition would really benefit from the Patricia Long Bequest.”