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ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Our nine muses

There are nine new ladies gracing the exterior wall of our Art building. They are muses and were created by well-known artist Pamela Irving during her residency at the School.

When approached by the Lauriston Arts Association (LAA) to be part of the Art program, Pamela wanted to make a piece that represented women and education as well as say something about herself and her work.

'I decided to create a whimsical version of the nine muses of Greek mythology. These deities or goddesses inspired literature, science and arts so will serve as great role models for the girls of Lauriston,' says Pamela.

The muses are made from lots of different materials including recycled china, 120-year-old crockery sets and antique hallmarks.

The artist drew on the 19th century American art form called Memoryware where women would encrust the outside of vessels with keepsakes and then keep their valuables such as love letters inside.

Pamela's muses use discarded china to tell their stories. Clio the History muse has 120-year-old china plates as hair and Terpsichore, the Dance muse, has legs made from David Morrison's grandmother's china collection.

'I think she would be very pleased with my use of her tea plates,' said David, Lauriston's Head of Arts.

Next time you are at the School, come and sit under the *Nine Muses* and be inspired.