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Foundation Gold Gala Dinner a Glittering Success

On Friday 3 August, the 2018 Trinity College Foundation Gold Gala Dinner once again attracted a diverse cross-section of our community who gathered in the Ian McLachlan Room at the Adelaide Oval to enjoy this special occasion. Guests were welcomed on arrival by Senior Student Leaders and a musical performance by Year 12 students Tony Ward and Taylor Crouch.

Pre-dinner drinks were served as guests took their first look at the wide selection of auction items on offer before being seated for the official welcome from College Captain Sophie Hancock who formally commenced proceedings with the Kaurana Welcome and Grace. Head of Trinity College, Nick Hately then took to the stage and thanked outgoing Foundation Chair Dr Rupert Thorne for his dedicated service and officially welcomed incoming Foundation Chair Mr David Russell. The new Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded guests that this event and their generosity continues to help students of Trinity excel.

Nick Hately then unveiled designs for the new Trinity College Innovation and Creativity School that will open in 2020. The new centre will embed 21st century skills and teach our young people smart learning, smart thinking and smart doing. He then introduced the evening's special guest speaker, old scholar and 2017 College Dux Vinh Nguyen. Vinh is currently undertaking a double degree in Mechatronics and Computer Science at the University of Adelaide and was once a beneficiary of support from the Foundation. He spoke fondly of his time at Trinity and specifically the Foundation's motto of *'from little things, big things grow.'* He spoke about how this statement held special meaning for him as it has a real synergy with his own life experience and time at the College. Keen to pay this support forward, Vinh then presented a donation to Foundation Chair David Russell in support of the new building.

In addition to a sumptuous dinner and fabulous entertainment, guests were able to bid in a silent auction for over 80 donated items to help raise money to support the Foundation. The major auction item up for grabs was a corporate box at the Adelaide Oval for 10 people including catering and drinks to see the Crows v North Melbourne. Other notable silent auction items included; a Kate Spade handbag and wallet, Laser Foldable Selfie Drone All-In-One Camera, two tickets to the Triple M Crows Bunker Experience, a seven dish tasting menu for six people with matched wines at Musque Food & Wine and an Ultimate Royal Show Family experience.



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Guests could also participate in a table raffle for \$10.00 a ticket with the choice of two great prizes; a bottle of Penfolds Grange donated by William Buck and valued at \$800.00 or a mid-week stay at the exclusive McLaren Eye Accommodation House, plus a \$250 wine experience at the neighbouring Yangarra Estate Vineyard donated by AON and valued at \$1,250.00. The sale of raffle tickets raised \$3150.00 for the Foundation.



Tony Ward and Taylor Crouch returned to the stage later in the evening for another musical performance while the final auction bids were calculated and then DJ Ralf played a rocking post dinner set for the many guests to dance the night away.



The Foundation Board is pleased to announce that the 2018 Trinity Foundation Gold Gala Dinner raised \$35,437.50. The Foundation Board extends their thanks to all donors and volunteers who made the night such a success as well as the Trinity families who donated items towards hampers and baskets that generated \$1,247.00 in the silent auction. The 2019 dinner date and theme will be announced later in the year.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of our corporate donors.

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