



TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION (SA) INC 2024 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the Trinity College Foundation Annual Report for 2024, my last as Chair. On behalf of my fellow Board Members, I begin by extending thanks to our community of donors and supporters. Your continued support and belief in the aims of the Foundation play a critical role in our success. Because of you, our donors, many more Trinity College students have been supported in their academic endeavours and have had the opportunity to learn and thrive in state-of-the-art facilities, both inside and outside the walls of a classroom.

During 2024 the College celebrated 40 years of operation and service. This is an outstanding achievement for a school that opened with just 27 students and has now grown to six schools and over four thousand students. The year will be remembered for several remarkable, moving and outstanding celebrations, the highlight of which for me, were the Whole College Open Day Service in April and the 40th Birthday Community Dinner in August. Both these colourful and joyous events truly reflected our community's creativity, diversity, strength and pride. Trinity College has not only educated thousands of students, changing the lives of so many for the better, but has also contributed so significantly to the culture of Gawler and surrounding suburbs.

During my tenure as Chair, the Foundation has moved in an increasingly upward trajectory and the Board has continued to engage purposefully with the College to improve outcomes for students. In addition to encouraging donations from the community, we have actively sought to build a culture of philanthropy and to utilise the full talents of every Board member. I believe the Foundation Board is on the right path and I thank all Board members for their engagement and dedication this year.

While Board membership remained unchanged during 2024, I must acknowledge the sad loss of past parent and long-term Board member Mr Russell Johnstone, who passed away in December 2024. Russell was always a committed and enthusiastic ambassador for all things Trinity College related and served on both the College Board, Foundation Board and various subcommittees. He will long be remembered for his commitment to the College, volunteering and service. I believe, he truly understood the value of selfless giving and was a regular donor, both financially and in kind. Russell cheerfully contributed and helped whenever the opportunity arose and the impact of his generosity and kindness will be remembered by many whose lives he touched.

While fundraising efforts by the Foundation were largely put to one side over the past 12 months due to the College 40th birthday celebrations, I am pleased to report that the Foundation still experienced strong growth during 2024. The Foundation Board continues to have a healthy sum under investment and will be able to meet all planned commitments over the next 12 months and into the foreseeable future.

The Foundation continues to be resilient and innovative with our enduring commitment to deliver on our purpose and priorities. I am extremely proud of the work the Foundation has undertaken throughout 2024 and, I know that I speak for all Board members when I say that we are continually driven to do more.



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I happily and enthusiastically support the Foundation and what it stands for as it continues to grow and pleasingly, so do many others. Encouragingly, our community's philanthropy continues to develop and strengthen, with several staff maintaining their regular donations to the Foundation via fortnightly payroll deductions. Currently, 24 staff members support the Foundation in this way. This commitment to the College and the Foundation is something we are rightly proud of. Consistent with all previous years, I can also report that every cent donated has been used to assist the College and the students.

In 2024 the Foundation supported 310 Year 7 students to attend the annual Canberra Trip as part of their Civics and Citizenship education with a \$200.00 subsidy per student, and a larger subsidy for students who qualified for School Card. The subsidy was warmly received by recipient families and feedback indicates that several students would not have attended the trip without it. The total investment by the Foundation to subsidise this trip in 2024 was \$77,000.00. The Foundation has also committed to extend this support to the trips in 2025 (Year 7) and 2026 (Year 6).

Due to the College 40th Birthday Community Dinner, the annual Foundation black-tie fundraising dinner was not held in 2024. However, the College gifted \$5,250.00 to the Foundation, the proceeds of the raffle held during the 40th Birthday dinner.

I am pleased to report the establishment of a new scholarship, the Performance Encouragement Scholarship, made possible through the generosity of past parents Josephine Collis and Robert Young, along with their sons, old scholars Bryce (2022) and Rhys (2024) - who were both dedicated College Musical participants and generous volunteers to college life. Offered for the first time in 2025 and open to Year 6/7 students, the scholarship will support a student who wishes to improve their performance talents either on the stage, backstage, or as a musician, as they strive to achieve their performance aspirations.

As you read this report you will see outlined how the Foundation continues to work with the College to provide for students in diverse and practical ways. In these instances, the Foundation helps through awards, financial support and the *Spirit of Trinity Fund* that assists with urgent requirements.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING

During 2024, 58 donors gave \$80,939.40 to the Foundation. With the funds previously mentioned as gifted to the Foundation by the College, the combined overall fundraising total for the year was \$86,189.40.

SPIRIT OF TRINITY FUND

The *Spirit of Trinity Fund* was established in 2013 to assist students in need. As a discretionary fund for use by the Head of the College and the Finance Director, 52 students benefited throughout 2024, from the provision of uniforms, camps, textbooks, and other resources.



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2024/25 SCHOLARSHIPS

Innovation Support Scholarship

Generously funded by Mr Richard Giles, this scholarship aims to support a student who enjoys problem solving, teamwork, is entrepreneurial, a strong communicator and who excels in science, mathematics, or technology. In 2024 this scholarship was awarded to Samuel Krieg (Year 10) who will receive \$1,500.00 towards tuition fees in Year 11.

Sliding Doors Scholarship

This scholarship seeks to support high achieving students with leadership potential whose financial circumstances mean they would find it difficult to attend or complete their education at Trinity College. In 2024 this scholarship was awarded to Anastasia Pietrantonio (Year 6) who will receive a 60% fee reduction for Year 7 to Year 12.

Roseworthy Hewitson Scholarship

Established in 2022 through a generous donation from Mr Michael and Mrs Rosslyn Hewitson, both founding staff of the College, this scholarship seeks to support a student to attend Trinity College Roseworthy. In 2024 this scholarship was awarded to Harvey Matthews who will receive a 50% discount on tuition fees for Reception until Year 6.

Foundation General Excellence Scholarship

The Foundation General Excellence Scholarship is open to students entering Year 11 who have a positive academic ability which is supported by a strong talent in an additional area. In 2024 this scholarship was awarded to Kelechi Ekwomadu (Year 10). The scholarship provides 50% remission of tuition fees for Years 11 and 12.

AON Scholarship

The AON Scholarship 2025/26 was awarded to Aaviskar Pokhrel (Year 10). This scholarship provides a 50% remission in fees, in addition to an optional work experience component at Year 11 and Year 12.

Trinity College Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually and supports a student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage who aspires to future tertiary study and who would benefit from financial support to help achieve this goal. Two scholarships were awarded in 2024 to Zac Walker-Kluske (Year 10) and Ella Southam (Year 10).

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Operation Flinders

The Foundation once again provided financial support to Operation Flinders, an internationally recognised wilderness adventure program for young people at risk. The program takes participants between the ages of 14 and 18 years on an eight-day exercise in the far northern Flinders Ranges, providing an opportunity for its participants to grow individually and as valued members of the community. The Foundation's support of this program enabled eight Trinity College students to attend in 2024 at a cost of \$3,750.



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AWARDS

2024 Citizenship Awards

Each year the Foundation gives Citizenship Awards to students from all five schools based on their overall contribution to the College through personal dedication, strength of character and good citizenship.

Blakeview	Gawler River	North	Roseworthy	South	Senior
Blake Liu Ajika Mack Omod	Tiffany Gire Elyse Fechner	Raphael Alfonso Elsie MacGillivray	Harper Ellis	Harry Foreman Noah Lewcock Louise Walkuski	Erin Doudle

2024 Certificate of Academic Merit

The Certificate of Academic Merit is presented to students who make significant improvement in academic areas. The award is designed to recognise and promote academic achievement and is intended to complement other forms of recognition by acknowledging students who might not otherwise be recognised. A total of 16 certificates are presented annually in Term 3 across the College Middle Schools. Each recipient also receives commemorative books.

Blakeview	Gawler River	North	South
Emily George Abigail Attridge Liliana Grecu Madison Mohylenko	Connor Beaton Benjamin Truong Willow Lewis Sarah Barach	Sienna Dona Tahlia Norton Becca Donnellan Lilly Kent	Jake Stoker Jack Kellett Ethan Badger Chloe Sonnemann

The Trinity College Foundation would not be able to achieve these outcomes without the support it receives from the Development Office Team of Ms Kay Fyfe, Mrs Clarissa Russo, Mrs Debbie Collins and Mrs Melissa Hardy. I thank each one of them for their tireless and cheerful dedication.

I would also like to thank the outgoing Chair of the College Board, Dr Ken Heath and Head of Trinity College, Mr Nick Hately, for their continued enthusiasm, guidance, and support of the Foundation. It is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all those who have offered their collaborative support and friendship during my time as Chair and extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to work in this capacity. I am proud of the progress we've made together and wish the Foundation all the best in the future. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to my successor and thank them for their willingness to serve. The Foundation's future can only be secure with this kind of ongoing support and dedication from the Trinity College community.

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