



TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION (SA) INC 2020 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT

There is little doubt that 2020 was an extraordinary year. Like so many individuals and organisations in our community, the Trinity College Foundation Board faced substantial day to day challenges. College life was disrupted and normal work and social routines were interrupted. Nevertheless, I feel a great sense of pride in what the Foundation managed to achieve.

During the year, everyone in our community felt some stress and strain but, despite this, the Board was able to demonstrate that the Foundation remains strong and stable and, most importantly, capable of delivering ongoing support for our students and the College.

Importantly, the Board did not lose sight of our aim to support the students at Trinity College. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedicated contributions of our volunteer Board members. As the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic became clear, the College's priority was to look after our community and protect their health and wellbeing. This focussed and sustained effort enabled the Foundation Board to continue to work productively, albeit remotely. All Board members continued to ensure that the diligent management of Foundation funds remained paramount and thereby built capacity and self-reliance within our community.

Unfortunately, due to state-wide restrictions on large gatherings, the Board was unable to host the annual black-tie dinner and silent auction. While it was disappointing that this widely anticipated and much-loved event did not go ahead, I am delighted to report that individual donors and pledges, not only from our current community but also the wider community, remained strong during this demanding year.

An excellent example of our community's emergent philanthropic culture is the number of Trinity staff who continued to make a fortnightly donation to the Foundation via a payroll deduction. Currently, 36 staff members support the Foundation in this way. This commitment to the College and the Foundation is something we are rightly proud of and happily acknowledge and celebrate.

Consistent with all previous years, I can also report that every cent donated has been used to assist the College and the students.

Preparations for the 2021 dinner are well underway with the event to take place in July in the Ballroom of the Adelaide Hilton Hotel. I encourage you to attend this thoroughly enjoyable evening to help the Foundation continue to support our students. You can contact the Foundation Office for further details or to purchase tickets.

Pleasingly, on Melbourne Cup Day in November, the Foundation Board was able to host its fourth Frocks & Fascinators Luncheon in the Trinity Pavilion. Entertainment included raffle prizes and sweeps as well as a fashion parade of formal attire presented by Brides and Bloom and modelled by Year 11 students. Over 40 guests relished the opportunity to see our students in action. Catering and service for the lunch was provided by Year 11 Semester two Hospitality students who excelled in the roles of chefs, kitchen crew and waiting staff. They greeted guests with a warm smile and no dietary request was too difficult for them to handle. While the number of guests we hosted for this event was less than the previous year, their generosity was not diminished and a total of \$2,563.00 was raised, only \$107.00 less than the previous year.

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 awarding scholarships, and the *Spirit of Trinity Fund* that assists with urgent requirements such as uniforms, camp attendance and textbooks.



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The Trinity Foundation was pleased to support the construction of the Trinity Innovation and Creativity School with a donation of \$100,000 from the Foundation Building Fund. Officially opened in February 2020, this new facility has been designed for learning in the 21st Century and reflects the increasing dependence on technology in the workplace, along with greater need for critical and creative, collaborative working skills. Featuring flexible, fluid spaces with embedded and integrated collaborative ICT services; break-out spaces alongside classrooms; a lecture theatre, with facilities for VR and a 360-degree immersive environment, this outstanding facility was an Australian Education Awards 2020 Finalist in the category of, Innovation in Learning Environment Design.

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

I would also like to thank the 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.

As much as 2020 was about change and adapting to 'the new normal', the Foundation Board remains focused on long-term growth and continuing to serve the Trinity community through planning, disciplined execution and strategic investments that will achieve growth.

While we are continuing to operate in uncertain times, there are many good reasons to be optimistic about the year ahead. I continue to enthusiastically support the Foundation and what it stands for. It continues to grow and with this growth comes the ability to offer opportunities to more students. I am extremely proud of the work the Foundation has undertaken this year, but I know I speak for all Board members when I say that we are driven to do more. I sincerely hope you will join and support us in this journey.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING

During 2020, 73 donors gave \$79,792.14 to the Foundation. Notably and pleasingly, as mentioned, 36 donors are staff of the College who make a fortnightly pledge to the Foundation. A further \$2,563.00 was received from one event. Our overall total fundraising for 2020 was \$82,355.14.

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, 32 students benefited throughout 2020 by the provision of uniforms, textbooks, and other resources.

FOUNDATION THANK YOU EVENT

This event was originally scheduled to occur in November 2020. However, due to restrictions on large gatherings at the time, it was rescheduled and eventually held in February 2021. The Board hosted 2019/2020 donors and guests who enjoyed refreshments and conversation in the Gallery of the Trinity Innovation and Creativity School. Highlights of the evening included the induction of two new Fellows onto the Donor Board as well as three donors who moved from Companion to Ambassador, one donor from Benefactor to Patron and one donor from Scholarship Provider to Benefactor.



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2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Innovation Support Scholarship

The Innovation Support Scholarship is awarded to a student who excels in science, maths or technology, has a passion for engineering and innovation and may require financial support to continue to pursue these interests. In 2020 Yuvika Chakawala (Year 10) was the successful applicant for this scholarship that provides up to \$1,500 paid into the student's school account for tuition fees. Yuvika addressed the gathering at the Thank You event in February, where she spoke most eloquently about her goals and future plans.

Foundation General Excellence Scholarship

The Foundation General Excellence Scholarship was awarded to Krystal Collins (Year 10). The scholarship provides 50% remission of tuition fees for Years 11 and 12.

AON Scholarship

AON Insurance Services offers one scholarship annually to a Year 10 student entering Year 11. In 2020 the AON Scholarship was awarded to Jack Burt. This scholarship provides a 50% remission in fees, in addition to an optional work experience component.

College Musical Award

This award is presented to a student who is participating in the Whole College Musical, is talented in performing arts or stage management, has production ambitions and who is prepared to show leadership and commitment in this major production. In 2020 this award was split between four students, Cooper Everett (Year 12), Emma De Maria (Year 11), Samantha Wormald (Year 11) and Adam Roling (Year 9). In 2020 the Whole College Musical was *Footloose*.

Atkinson Academic Support Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually and seeks to support a student who has a passion for maths, science and music and may require financial assistance to continue to pursue these interests. For 2020 this scholarship was awarded to Bansari Patel (Year 10). The scholarship provides up to \$1,500 paid into the student's school account for tuition fees.

Trinity College Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually and supports an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who aspires to future tertiary study and would benefit from financial support to help achieve this goal. For 2020, this scholarship was awarded to Aaron Walker (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 2020 at a cost of \$3,300.00.



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AWARDS

Faculty Support Fund + Trinity2Cambodia Service Award

The Faculty Support Fund aims to support students selected for Trinity College teams who, without this support, may not be able to compete. During 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19, competitions, and events in the fields of sport, music, and robotics where our student teams would normally compete could not take place. Therefore, no money from this fund was awarded in 2020.

Additionally, due to restrictions associated with international travel during 2020, the annual Trinity2Cambodia Service Trip did not take place

2020 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.

Gawler River	Blakeview	South	North	Senior
Maia Bartolo Olivia Gilmore-Rankine	Jack Dexter Bryce Young	Caitlin Burdelof Broc Rowen Matthew Jacks	Zac Walker-Kluske Tegan Hardy	Chloe Sharpe Darcie Hancock

2020 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 three across the College Middle Schools. Each recipient also receives commemorative books.

Gawler River	Blakeview	South	North
Felix Lloyd Harrison Spackman John-Paul Bergamin Mikaelah Harris	Rishika Dahal Jack Hanly Merliz Augustus Ashton Hill	Isabella Surman Bailey Yeomans Aimee Hanson Jirselle Sison	Cameron Herd Grace Reeves Ebony DeKort Jordan Hissey

I would like to sincerely thank all those who have offered the Foundation financial assistance and encouraged our efforts throughout the past year. The Foundation's future can only be secure with the ongoing support of the entire Trinity College community.

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