



## TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION (SA) INC 2025 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the Trinity College Foundation Annual Report for 2025, my first as Chair. I am truly humbled to have been elected to the position of Chair; and I am equally grateful and privileged for the opportunity to serve.

Two of the reasons I was so proud to have been appointed to the Foundation Board are the values and the purpose of the Trinity College Foundation. As a past Principal of Trinity College Blakeview, I often requested assistance for students from the Foundation and I witnessed students receiving awards, scholarships and support in various forms. I appreciated the support given to so many students, which allowed them to have the opportunity to fully embrace what the College offers. I witnessed personally the difference this support made in the students' lives and now relish the opportunity to continue to support Trinity College students in my retirement.

Additionally, while providing prompt and tangible support for students is a key pillar of the Foundation's aims, the Foundation also strategically invests for the benefit of future generations who will attend the College. These tenets of care and commitment have, and will continue to have, tremendous economic and social benefits for the College as well as the wider community. This is an admirable legacy for the Foundation.

In 2025, there were many highlights at the College for us to celebrate, including two national education awards, eight outstanding musical theatre productions and the outstanding results of the graduating class. However, I think it is fair to say that looking back 2025 was also really challenging for many in our community with cost-of-living pressures causing uncertainty and stress for many Trinity College families. However, I have also been struck by how much, as a community, we've come together to support one another to ensure Trinity students receive, and the College is able to continue to provide world-class education and opportunities.

On behalf of my fellow Foundation Board members, I extend our 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 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.

Over the past year, the Foundation 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 maximise the talents of every Board member. I was very pleased to welcome new Board members, Mrs Jo Cammans and Mr Rob Pelton who have both brought unique skills and enthusiasm to the Board. I thank all the Board members for so freely volunteering their time and expertise over the past year and thank them sincerely for their continued engagement and dedication.

The year also marked the thirtieth year of operation for the Foundation, and I am pleased to report that the Foundation experienced strong growth during 2025 despite a challenging and volatile economic landscape. The Foundation Board continues to have a healthy sum under investment and, most importantly, 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 an enduring commitment to deliver on our purpose and priorities. I am extremely proud of the work the Foundation has undertaken throughout 2025 and, I know that I speak for all Board members when I say that we are continually driven by our desire to do even more.



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I enthusiastically support the Foundation and what it stands for. 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, 23 staff members support the Foundation in this way. This commitment to the College and the Foundation is something of which we are justly proud. Consistent with all previous years, I can also report that every cent donated has been used to assist the College and the students.

In 2025, the Foundation supported 336 Year 7 students to attend the annual Canberra Trip as part of their Civics and Citizenship course 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 the feedback received indicated that several students would not have attended the trip without the support of the Foundation. In 2025, the total investment by the Foundation to subsidise this trip was \$85,700. I am delighted to report that the Foundation has committed to extending this support to the Canberra trips for Year 6 students in 2027, 2028 and 2029.

After a 12-month hiatus, the 2025 annual Trinity College Foundation fundraising dinner and silent auction, *Under the Stars*, was an outstanding success raising \$30,036.00. Our goal was to raise \$30,000 in our thirtieth year. All of the money raised will go directly to support the students of Trinity to excel.

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 useful ways. In these instances, the Foundation assists through providing monies for awards, scholarships, financial support and the *Spirit of Trinity Fund* that assists with alleviating hardship and provides urgent support.

## **FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING**

During 2025, 66 donors gave \$105,169.70 to the Foundation. With the funds raised at the annual dinner, the combined overall fundraising total for the year was \$135,205.70.

## **SPIRIT OF TRINITY FUND**

The *Spirit of Trinity Fund* was established by the Foundation in 2013 to assist students in need. As a discretionary fund, for use by the Head of the College and the Finance Director, 29 students benefited throughout 2025, with the provision of uniforms, camp fee assistance, textbook costs and any other resources needed.

## **TRINITY SUPPORT FUND**

During 2025, the Foundation provided financial support to the value of \$4,148.00 to Trinity College teams, groups or individuals to help lessen their travel costs to represent the College in the areas of academics, music, drama, art or sport.

## **2025/26 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 2025, this scholarship was awarded to Christo Joseph (Year 10) who will receive \$1,500.00 towards tuition fees in Year 11.



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## **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 2025, this scholarship was awarded to two students Ava Delmont (Year 6) and Mason Pettigrew (Year 6) who will both receive a 60% fee reduction for Years 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 or another Trinity R to 10 school. In 2025, this scholarship was awarded to Layla Fox who will receive a 50% discount on tuition fees for Reception until Year 6.

## **Performance Encouragement Scholarship**

Established in 2024, through a generous donation by past parents Josephine Collis and Robert Young, along with their sons, Bryce (2022) and Rhys (2024), this scholarship endeavours to support a student who is seeking to improve their performance talents either on the stage, backstage or as a musician. The inaugural scholarship was awarded to Annabel Dunbar (Year 8) who will receive \$1,000 each year paid into her tuition fee account for two years.

## **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 2025, this scholarship was awarded to Helena Sheridan (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 Thomas Reardon (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 2025 to Caitlyn Merchant (Year 10) and Renee Southam (Year 10).

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

### **Operation Flinders**

The Foundation once again provided financial support to Operation Flinders, an internationally recognised wilderness adventure programme for young people at risk. The programme 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 participants to grow both individually, and as valued members of the community. The Foundation's support of this programme enabled eight Trinity College students to attend in 2025 at a cost of \$4,000.



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## AWARDS

### 2025 Citizenship Awards

Each year the Foundation gives Citizenship Awards to students from all six 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
Amaya Harlow Ruben Pretorius	Hugo McLachlan Amelia Launer	Abel Dutton Isaac Ludborz	Emily Pearce	Ava Rigby Nikita Greeff Milly Foreman	Ash Clonan Kiki Ajak

### 2025 Certificate of Academic Growth

The Certificate of Academic Growth Award is presented to students who make significant improvements 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
Alyssa McGannon Tyler Pettigrew Leo Bateman Timothy Barrett	Saxon Watson Siftpreet Sran Mary Anthony Sebastian Thomas	Maya Lambert Ronando Rom Ayak Dhieu Jayda Marks	Poppy Williams Arthur Noschka Jasmine Stubbs Charlie Kent

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 Chair of the College Board, Ms Grace Scaffidi 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 first year as Chair and extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to work in this capacity. I am very proud of the progress we've made together during 2025 and look forward to working towards our shared goals in 2026. The Foundation's future can only be secure with this kind of ongoing support and dedication from the Trinity College community.

**Mrs Karen McMahon**

Chair Trinity College Foundation (SA) Inc.