



TRINITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION (SA) INC 2023 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT

In looking back over the year that was 2023 and, anticipating the celebrations of 2024, it feels like we are in the midst of extraordinary times. While the effects of the pandemic are finally abating, our community is facing increased cost of living pressures, employment challenges and rising interest rates. However, I am pleased to report that the Foundation has experienced a strong and smooth period over the last twelve months.

While there were some changes to Board membership in 2023, the Foundation Board remained focused on long-term growth and continuing to serve the Trinity community through planning, disciplined execution and strategic investments.

We farewell long-serving Board member Mr David Matters, who stepped down at the annual general meeting in May. David joined the Foundation Board in 2010 and was always a very hands-on volunteer. His infectious 'can do' attitude will be missed by many. He was an outstanding Master of Ceremonies at our annual fundraising dinners, Tennis and Melbourne Cup/Pavilion luncheons. David packed biscuits into tins, secured donations for the silent auction, organised table guests, helped set up and pack down Foundation events, labelled wine bottles, was a chauffeur and even made centrepieces – his ideas and ability to resource support of the Foundation has been wonderful. While David no longer serves as a Board member, I am pleased and grateful that he continues to be a regular donor.

While it is sad to farewell a long-standing Board member, I was exceptionally pleased to welcome two new members, Mrs Kate Clarke, and Dr Emily Aldridge. In their short tenure they have eagerly contributed and I thank them for their enthusiasm, expertise and willingness to serve. I am confident that the Foundation will continue to flourish because we have such a dedicated group of volunteers and I believe this group of like-minded people are open to the opportunities and future success of the Foundation, as always.

Despite the constant flux of external circumstances, 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 2023 and I know that I speak for all Board members when I say that we are driven to do more.

I happily and enthusiastically support the Foundation and what it stands for as it continues to grow and pleasingly, so do many others. Our community's philanthropic culture is encouraging, with a number of staff maintaining their regular donations to the Foundation via fortnightly payroll deductions. Currently, 30 staff members support the Foundation in this way. This commitment to the College and the Foundation is something we are rightly proud. I am also very pleased to report that 100 percent of Foundation Board members are also donors to the Foundation. Consistent with all previous years, I can also report that every cent donated has been used to assist the College and the students.

The Board was especially pleased that the Foundation was able to support the College with a donation of \$150,000 to the Marnkutyi Parirna Performing Arts Theatre that was officially opened in October 2023. The Foundation was able to match funds donated by our community to this building project and 136 plaques have been placed on chairs to acknowledge the donors.

During 2023 the Foundation Board endorsed and implemented a new Spending Policy that will ensure funds donated are directed as expediently as possible for the purposes they were collected. The policy will be reviewed by the Board in 2026.



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Due to the generosity of donors over many years, the Foundation Board has a healthy sum under investment and the Board has decided to assist more students with their learning opportunities at Trinity. The Foundation has committed to support all Year 7 students travelling to Canberra as part of their Civics and Citizenship education with a \$200.00 subsidy, and a larger subsidy for students who are on school card.

The Canberra trip has been a memorable and much-loved rite of passage for so many Trinity students and the Foundation Board is aware that meeting the cost of this trip is increasingly difficult for many families. As a result, the subsidy will reduce the cost of the trip for each student in Year 7, a commitment by the Foundation of \$100,000. The Foundation has also committed to extend this support to the Canberra trips in 2025 and 2026 for students in Year 7.

The 2023 annual black-tie fundraising dinner was held on Friday 23 June at the National Wine Centre. Our theme for the dinner was *A Glitter Ball*, a very apt theme as the event was an outstandingly glittering success, raising \$42,273.00, all of which will go directly to help the students of Trinity to excel.

Additionally, the Board was very pleased to host a Spring Luncheon in November. With 48 guests enjoying an intimate lunch prepared and served by Year 10 students in the College Pavilion, we were able to raise \$2,658.00.

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 2023, 84 donors gave \$72,301.00 to the Foundation. With the funds previously mentioned from the Foundation dinner and Spring Luncheon events, the combined overall fundraising total for the year was \$117,232.00.

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, 50 students benefited throughout 2023, from the provision of uniforms, camps, textbooks and other resources.

2023/24 SCHOLARSHIPS

Atkinson Academic Support Scholarship

Funded by a generous donation from the Atkinson family, this scholarship seeks to support a student with a passion for Maths, Science and Music. In 2024 this scholarship is awarded to Brianna Jefferson (Year 10) who will receive \$1,500 towards tuition fees for Year 11.

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 2023 this scholarship was awarded to Moses Nturbika (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 2023 this scholarship was awarded to Jason Li (Year 6) who will 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, who were both founding staff of the College, this scholarship seeks to support a student to attend Trinity College Roseworthy. In 2023 this scholarship was awarded to Harper Perrett who will receive a 50% discount on tuition fees for Early Years until Year 6.

Foundation General Excellence Scholarship

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

AON Scholarship

In 2023 the AON Scholarship was awarded to Tafara Mugandani (Year 10). This scholarship provides a 50% remission in fees, in addition to an optional work experience component at Year 11 and Year 12.

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 2023 this award was split between two students, Samuel Cannizzaro (Year 12) and Zavier Ludborzs (Year 12). In 2023 the Whole College Musical was "*Bring it On!*".

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. For 2023, this scholarship was awarded to Lachlan Southam (Year 10).

Collings Family Scholarship

The scholarship seeks to support a student who contributes to the richness of the College life, enjoys teamwork, strives to do their best academically and has a passion for hockey. The 2023 winner of this scholarship was Christian Elliot (Year 10) who will receive \$1,500 towards tuition fees in Year 11.

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 2023 at a cost of \$3,750.



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AWARDS

2023 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
Olivia Hutchen Erin Doudle	Elyssa Kilvington Georgia Dryden	Amelia Clayton Harper Morgan Zarli Knowles	Majok Pager Isabella Cavallaro	Sarah Cowburn Piper Aplin

2023 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.

Gawler River	Blakeview	South	North
Bailey McLaren Mason Hill Nicholas Tsimiklis Summer Kiryk	Sophie Cousins Bul Bul Eva Devia Taylah Grimley	Joshua Delmont Kaiden Sweet Tyrus Sturt Ayden Baker	Jaylen Hahn Hayley Wall Chase Brown Sienna Davis

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 Melissa Hardy, and Mrs Debbie Collins. I thank each one of 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.

I would also 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 secured by the ongoing support of the entire Trinity College community.

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