



Foundation News



Frank Peck

Chair

Xavier College Council

In the last Newsletter I listed the capital projects that the College Council has approved for the next two to three decades, as part of the infrastructure master plans for the three College campuses. The support of the Foundation will be essential in bringing these projects to fruition.

I am pleased to report that progress has been achieved in addressing a number of these projects. An audit of the maintenance needs of our Heritage Buildings on all three campuses has been undertaken and work at the Senior Campus has commenced on the façade of the South Wing. This work is being funded from the capital maintenance funds in the College's 2016 budget.

At Burke Hall the Wren House is being renovated to provide improved music teaching and practice spaces from funds provided by the Eldon Hogan Trust.

A feasibility study is under way on establishing a Music Recital Hall in the West Wing and a conceptual plan and costings will be available to the Council by the end of the year. When this project has been approved by Council, the Foundation will plan a fund raising appeal to finance its construction during the next two years.

Interim plans are being drawn up for a General Purpose Space in the excavated area beneath the Science Rooms and the EHPAC. This area was never fully completed and was not available for use by the College for its educational program. It is a substantial space and when fully completed will significantly add to the flexibility of the College's educational infrastructure.

Funding for these projects and the others on the masterplans will be provided by the Foundation through trusts, bequests and the distribution of earnings from its very successful investment strategy, in addition to borrowings by the College.

The Foundation Chair, Mr Tony Nunan, his fellow Trustees and Foundation staff are to be commended on the outstanding results they have achieved in supporting the College in funding \$1.5m for Bursaries and Scholarships for 2016. In addition they have already commenced planning for a capital raising campaign to finance the proposed Music Recital Hall.

Therefore the Foundation has a vital strategic role in funding infrastructure improvements at the College and its role will become even greater in the years ahead. Therefore I urge all members of the Xavier community to support the Foundation generously in its appeal for funds.

Frank Peck

Chair of Xavier College Council



Welcome

Tony Nunan

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Over the course of any year the Xavier College Foundation receives many donations from a very wide group across the 'Xavier Family'. This includes, among others, Old Xaverians, their parents and grandparents.

Recently in a new development, a new group has approached the Foundation to make available through the Ignatian Education Fund a number of scholarships on an on-going basis.

It is customary that each year the graduating Year 12 students raise funds to leave a parting gift for the College. This year the Year 12 Xaverians decided to go above and beyond what has been done in previous years. Under the leadership of School Captain Mark Burgess and the two Vice Captains Harrison Vanderkley and Thomas McMahon, the prefects decided this year's gift will be a number of bursaries for new students who would otherwise be unable to afford to be at Xavier to study in Years 11 and 12. This is a student-led initiative that has never been attempted at the College before.

At a recent assembly for this year group, Mark Burgess made the following statement.

"We are very fortunate men here at Xavier and we receive an education that many others are not able to receive. We should not for a fleeting instant take this for granted. There are many people who would love the opportunity to attend Xavier but are not able to do so due to their financial circumstances. This year we hope that our lasting legacy to the school is to establish a bursary known as the 'Class of 2016 Bursary'".

I also wish to thank Mrs Kim Downes, a Year 12 mother, whose long-term experience in philanthropy has helped the Year 12 boys to establish these bursaries.

It is the hope of the 2016 Year 12 Leaders, together with the Xavier Foundation, that this form of bursary will become established as part of the Xavier landscape into the future.

If anyone in the Xavier family, on reading this story is inspired to donate to the Ignatius Education Fund, please contact Heather Murphy at the Foundation office.

On reflection, as I considered this effort by our Year 12 Class of 2016, it was clear to me that the tradition of "Men for Others" is well and truly alive within this group of young men who are soon to graduate and I express my gratitude to them on behalf of the Xavier Community.

Tony Nunan

Chairman Xavier College Foundation Ltd



Donor and Laurels Club Mass and function

On 27 April, the Xavier College Foundation hosted the Donor and Laurels' Club Mass, followed by a cocktail function, which brought together a community of donors. The occasion served to acknowledge and to thank donors for their contributions to the Xavier College Foundation, recognising valued members of the Laurels' club, who have contributed enormously to the growth and prosperity of the College.

The Donor and Laurels' Club Mass acknowledges the many donors who support the Foundation's work in accomplishing so much for the College and more importantly for the students. The Laurels' Club members, who have advised the Foundation of their intention to make a bequest to the College, were able to see the benefit of their future donation.

For those who attended the Donor and Laurels' Mass in late April, one of the highlights was undoubtedly the testimony of the guest speaker Nilton Hi (OX 2011), recipient of the Xavier College and Friday Night School Scholarship in 2006 and who is currently studying Civil Engineering at RMIT. Nilton spoke to the group about what it meant to be a scholarship recipient. Having escaped persecution and war in Indonesia, he arrived in Australia as a refugee with his family in 1994 and the first couple of years were very difficult. He not only had to adjust to a different culture but sadly his mother also passed away, leaving his father to raise seven children.

His emotional insights into his journey and experiences attending the Friday Night School and subsequently Xavier College demonstrated to donors the impact of their support and the importance for all Old Xaverians to consider giving back.

An Extract from Nilton's address on the evening:

Looking back at my V.C.E years I could not have achieved what I thought was impossible without the tutors at the Friday Night School, as not only were they willing to help you to the best of their abilities but they were at no cost to my family. It was because of this resource that I was able to reap the rewards to attend university after graduating from Xavier College.

My time spent at Xavier was very enchanting and I feel really blessed to have had such an amazing educational experience. I believe one of the key factors that separates Xavier College from other schools is its teachers and the extracurricular activities the school offers.

Through these extracurricular activities, in particular community service, I myself learned the importance of being open minded, respectful of others, of team work and what it means to give back to those who are less fortunate than me. It's these important qualities that Xavier has embedded into me that I will forever cherish, as it has made me the man I am today, a humble servant.

It is because of your act of kindness that I am where I am today, thriving and living life to the fullest and for that I will always be grateful.

If you would like more information on how to become a Laurels' Club member by making a gift to the Foundation in your will, please contact us on 03 98154542 or email: foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au



Left to right - Cantors: Marc Aloï, Patrick Grave, Joseph Murphy (teacher in background Andrew Schelhorn - Head of Strings)



Left to right - Year 12 students: Jack O'Dwyer & William Kennedy greeting guests Raydn Nolan and Lorraine Wilson



Left to right: Fr Chris Middleston SJ with Peter Rhoden (OX 1956) and Kathleen McCarthy presenting gifts



Left to right - Musicians: Ju Han Cao, Angelo Ooi, In background Nick Cowall (Head of Choral), Nicholas Chan and Max Crosby



Ignation Circle Medallion presented to Alex Scanlon on behalf of the Scanlon Foundation



Nilton Hi (OX 2011)



Laurels' Club Pin presented to Rose-Mary Cassin



Laurels' Club Pin presented to John Johnston (OX 1953)

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Nilton Hi (OX 2011)



Laurels' Club Pin presented to Brian McCarthy (OX 1947) and Kathleen McCarthy



Laurels' Club Pin presented to Raydn Nolan



The Sir Lewis Burne (OX 1913) Memorial Dinner for Global Young Leaders

Left to right - standing, current students: Andrew Chau, Christopher Vanderkley, Colin Hwang, James Chan, Harrison Vanderkley, Brendan Sheahan, Paul Ha, Marc Aloï, Daniel Crowley, Left to right - seated: Ben Smith (OX 2009), Conor O'Sullivan (OX 2015), Sam McCaffrey (OX 2015), Mr Peter Walsh (OX 1959) - Trustee of the Eldon Hogan Trust, Patrick Crock (OX 2015), Gareth Kiernan (OX 2015), Seamus Horan (OX 2014)

The Global Young Leaders' Conference (GYLC) is the premier leadership development program for motivated and accomplished students from across the United States and from more than 145 countries around the world. The conference invites participants from Xavier College to explore cultural differences fully, to gain first hand exposure to the challenges of international diplomacy, build confidence and to enhance decision-making skills in an atmosphere of mutual respect, that will in turn challenge students to broaden their world view.

On 26 May, the Xavier College Foundation hosted the annual Global Young Leaders' Dinner named in memory of Sir Lewis Burne (OX 1913). Together with Harrison Vanderkley as MC (current Year 12 Vice Captain), many previous participants shared stories with current Xavier students yet to attend the conference, about their experiences and how the GYLC has shaped their lives. Of those who could not attend the dinner, it was inspiring to hear their amazing stories of success, studying or participating in internships overseas.

Former student Luke Tengstrom (OX 2010) and recipient of a Boarding Scholarship in 2007, also spoke of his life changing experiences since receiving the scholarship and leaving Xavier College.

Current recipients of the Eldon Hogan Trust scholarships were profoundly moved by the experiences shared amongst previous attendees and they look forward to the journey they too will experience at the conference this year. Through the Foundation Mr Peter Walsh (OX 1959), Trustee of the Eldon Hogan Trust, has enabled many students to attend the GYLC, however ongoing support from the wider community is always required.

If you would like to support this initiative financially please contact the Xavier College Foundation office via email: foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au or call 03 9815 4542.



The Global Young Leaders' Conference was truly an enriching experience. We are so fortunate that the College offers opportunities like the conference, because the impact they have on students is invaluable and lasting. I feel so fortunate to have received the scholarship - I definitely returned a more aware and inspired leader."

Harry Vanderkley Year 12 – attended conference 2015



Joseph Moorhead, Adam MacIsaac
Thomas Crowley (OX 2013),

Sir Lewis Burne Commemorative Display



At its core GYLC is really about immersing ourselves in a plethora of different cultures; it's about seeing how our world in Melbourne is just one small pod in a diverse forest. I think we all left GYLC with a starkly wider view of the world than we arrived with."

Seamus Horan – Old Xaverian 2014
– attended conference 2013



Attending the Global Young Leaders' Conference is one of the fondest memories I have from a very long list from my time at Xavier. I'm incredibly grateful to the Eldon Hogan Trust for providing me with such an amazing opportunity. I'm still in contact with friends from every continent on the planet, friends I made in two short weeks seven years ago. I'd encourage all students at Xavier to avail themselves of the incredible opportunities the College provides for its students."

Ben Smith – Old Xaverian 2009 - attended conference 2009



Class of 2016 Bursary



Left to right: Vice Captain Harrison Vanderkley, School Captain Mark Burgess and Vice Captain Thomas McMahon

Every year it is customary for each Year 12 cohort to raise funds to leave a parting gift for the College. This year, Year 12 students cannot think of a greater legacy to leave with the school than to provide an opportunity for students to attend Xavier who otherwise would never have had such an opportunity.

For the first time, the Class of 2016 in a student-led initiative under the leadership of School Captain Mark Burgess and the two Vice Captains Harrison Vanderkley and Thomas McMahon, wanted to go 'above and beyond' and raise funds for a full VCE Bursary for a new student who otherwise would not be able to afford an education at Xavier College in Years 11 and 12.

Ways to support this initiative

We encourage all Year 12 families to support the Class of 2016 Bursary. Donations can be made to the Xavier College Foundation by the following means:

- Online to the Class of 2016 Bursary via credit card or electronic payment, by visiting the Foundation and Giving Pages at www.xavier.vic.edu.au
- By cheque made out to the Class of 2016 Bursary or
- By contacting the Foundation Office directly on 03 9815 4542 or email: foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au

Xavier College Foundation Appeal

The Xavier College Foundation invites the entire Xavier Community to support the Scholarship and Bursary Program (Ignatius Education Fund) which was established to support students and families who could not under normal circumstances afford a Xavier College Education. Today Xavier is what it is due to the generosity of those who have gone before us and as previous generations have been called upon, so we now ask for your support.

All general donations to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund (IEF) can also be made online at www.xavier.vic.edu.au, by cheque, by contacting the Foundation Office directly on 03 9815 4542 or email: foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au

Farewell



After almost five years of service to the Xavier College Foundation, we wish to advise that we have said farewell to our Executive Director Libby Crosthwaite. We are truly grateful for Libby's dedication to the Foundation and commend her unwavering commitment to the College and its community during her time here. We will miss Libby and wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

The Foundation has asked current Board member Bernadette Batten to assume the role of Interim Executive Officer of the Xavier College Foundation and Bernadette commenced with our office on Monday 18 July 2016.



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