

## **Impact Report 2018**



### ***Giving opportunities ...***

This year, as in the past, the Xavier College Foundation has raised funds and invested funds in its care to help support and resource Xavier College. The Foundation has a positive impact on our students and staff. This report is a reflection of the care and commitment of our Foundation members. Together we give to improve the facilities in which students learn and staff teach and to provide a Jesuit education to students who would otherwise be unable to experience it.

I hope you will see that those supporting the Foundation are giving life changing opportunities to those attending Xavier College. This document reflects our impact in 2018.





## Increased support & significant planning

**\$1,659,791**

Total dollars given to the Foundation

Tony Bretherton  
Executive Director, Xavier College Foundation  
Director of Development and Community Relations, Xavier College

It's my great pleasure to thank all those who have supported the Xavier College Foundation in 2018. The Foundation Board, Investment Committee and Advancement Committee (and my colleagues within our Development and Community Relations team) have worked hard to further enhance the philanthropic effectiveness of the Foundation during the year. Tony Nunan has completed his time as Chair of the Foundation and we thank him for all he achieved and wish him well in his new role as Chair of the Xavier College Board.

I'm pleased to report that the number of people supporting the Foundation has increased, and that preparations are being made for a significant campaign to begin during 2019. Over the past year, gifts to the Foundation have enabled:

- Students to attend Xavier College and receive a fine Jesuit education by way of bursaries and scholarships

- Students to travel to New York for the Global Young Leaders Conference
- Students to travel to Wells Cathedral School in Somerset UK for a three week music immersion experience
- Staff to enhance their teaching skills and capacity to lead and guide their students
- Year 12 students from 2017 to return to mentor the 2018 Year 12 students
- Archives to be extended under the South Wing
- Wren House at Burke Hall to be refurbished for the teaching of music
- Libraries to be enhanced at Kostka Hall Campus and the Senior Campus

The key facts are listed in this report. I hope those previously involved will again support the Foundation in 2019 and that this report will inspire many others to join us. There is an exciting new intent and strategy within the life of the College, and much we can do to support it.

## Key Fundraising Achievements in 2018

**413**

Donors in 2018

**\$1,555,066**

Total dollars given to the College by the Foundation

**\$312,581**

Total dollars raised for bursaries and scholarships

**\$1,216,529**

Total investment income provided to the College for bursaries and scholarships

**16**

Number of named endowed bursaries and scholarships funded by the Foundation

**139**

Number of other bursaries and scholarships provided in the life of the school

**74%**

Of all bursaries were funded by the Foundation

## "I thank you with heart and soul"

When we make a gift to a bursary, we invest not only in an individual, but in their future ability to support a family, help others through their profession and contribute positively to their community. The flow on effect of a bursary is substantial.

It was therefore a delight for our donors to have the opportunity to witness first-hand the impact of their contributions at the Donor and Laurels Mass in March 2018. Bursary recipient Hamish Adams (OX 2016) spoke about his experience at Xavier and gave thanks for the philanthropy support of bursaries at Xavier.

In part, this is what Hamish said on the evening:

*"Of course, the greatest contribution which Xavier has made to my present self is found in the values I hold. I know that to live a life without looking out for others - for friends, family, and those we call 'strangers' too - is to miss out on a great opportunity for fulfilment. And I'm not alone in having this conviction. When I visited old Xavierians Tom McMahon, Pat Costello and Anton D'Amico in northern Thailand last year, the positive influence of Xavier's values were affirmed before my eyes. These young men were offering themselves as teachers and friends to Thai*



*students seemingly a world apart from them, dedicating far more than just their time. The benefits of their volunteering were shared by all involved. I'm sure there are countless other examples of Old Xavierians being 'Men for Others' taking place every day.*

*So, it should come as no surprise to you when I say I am glad to have spent six years at Xavier College. But even more than this, as a bursary student I am deeply grateful for my time here.*

*Without the generosity of the school and its donors, such an education would simply not have been accessible to me. I was coming from a low-income household with mum as my sole guardian; she's had multiple sclerosis since I was born. Needless to say, my opportunities for schooling were limited. But Xavier's dedication to that essential Catholic value of compassion, enabled me to learn and grow at this College. There is no doubt that this generosity has shaped me in*

*becoming the man I am today. By offering bursary scholarships, Xavier College is changing lives for the better. Xavier is giving young men from low-income or remote households the means to follow their passions and contribute to society. In short, Xavier is expanding the world of its students - and it may well be that without this school's generosity, I would've felt nowhere near as free to follow my own path after high school as I did after leaving the doors of this building all those months ago.*

*We do not leave our histories behind us. The influence of my Xavier education will always be with me.*

*To share the benefits of a Xavier education, together with all its spiritual and social elements, is a noble ambition. And it is one worth celebrating. So to those who have donated, I thank you with heart and soul. I also welcome the bursary students who will come in future years; may they reach their potential at Xavier College".*

## We are pleased to acknowledge all those who have helped us to establish scholarships and bursaries at Xavier College:

### Scholarships

- The James Andre Boarding & Academic Scholarship
- The Benedict Burgess Memorial Boarders Scholarship
- The Loftus-Hills Family Music Scholarship
- The Helen & Francis Murphy Memorial Scholarship
- The Dr John Webb Academic & Excellence Scholarship

### Bursaries

- The Matthew Cody (OX 1913) Bursary
- The Henry William Devlin (OX 1939) Bursary
- The Ferla Family Bursary
- The (Ben) Norman Gannon AO (OX 1969) Bursary
- The Professor Carl de Gruchy Bursary
- The Joseph (Gabriel) Hannigan (OX 1946) Bursary
- The Tony Hulett Bursary
- The Inspiring Excellence Bursary
- The Gordon Joseph Laird Bursary
- The Old Xaverians' Association Bursary
- The Jim Provan Bursary

## Striving for the 'Magis' in a new tutoring program



The completion of VCE often signifies the end of a 13-year-long academic journey. It is a moment filled with elation, fulfillment and relief, and a sense of endless potential for what lies ahead. The process, however, can be stressful, tiresome and enduring. Through the new Magis Scholars program at Senior Campus, Year 12s have had the resource of those who have not only just been through the VCE process, but have come out the other side with glowing results.

The initiative has seen recent Old Xaverians return to the College each night after school to provide study assistance to current students. In its first year, it has proven a wonderful success, with recent graduate Patrick Frawley (OX 2017) saying that the

initiative has been a "great opportunity" for both him and the students. "For the tutors, It has been thoroughly enjoyable to reconnect with areas of study we remember doing throughout our time at the College," he said.

"At times the help we provide may just be short replies to small questions while at other times we sit down extensively with a student and work through an entire essay plan. Discussions often lead to broader

conversations about how students can best approach their study in general, or advice on what subjects to choose for their VCE. The most rewarding aspect of the program has been helping a student one week and returning the next week to see they have remembered your pointers".

The Magis Scholars program has been made possible by the Eldon Hogan Trust and Trustee Mr Peter Walsh.

## Young Leaders take on NYC

Adam Baker  
Year 11, 2018



The Global Young Leaders Conference was held over the mid-year holidays and provided students with a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience. Last year, Benjamin Traficante, Henry White, Jonathan Reid, Patrick Grave, Paul Huynh and I, accompanied by Director of Senior Campus Mr Michael Ilott, had the privilege of attending the conference due to the tremendous generosity shown to us by the Eldon Hogan Trust. Held in Washington DC and New York City, the six of us had the honour of spending an astounding 10 days with 350 other students from more than 50 countries, participating in simulations, site visits and lectures throughout the program's duration.

The conference allowed all of us to enjoy and discover the unique world of diplomatic affairs. For me, the overall highlight, and culmination of all our hard work, was the Global Summit: a mock General Assembly held at the United Nations Economic and Social Council Chambers at the UN headquarters in New York City. Working collaboratively, we drafted, proposed, debated and amended our various proposals, based on the United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals, for over a week. Being able to formally present our ideas to our peers, and vote on resolutions, was a surreal experience which will stay with me for a years to come.

In addition to the conference, the six of us were lucky enough to spend an extra two days in New York. Most impressive and exciting was a private tour of the New York Stock Exchange trading floor, facilitated by Mr Thomas Anglin (OX 1991).

The Global Young Leaders Conference had a profound impact on all who attended and we are so incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate.

If it is true that we are the sum total of our experiences, I have no doubt that this experience alone has, and will continue to play, a profound role in our development as young men.

"I'm incredibly grateful to Mr Peter Walsh and Xavier College for facilitating such an incredible and worthwhile experience for all six of us. These have been the best two weeks of my life." – Paul Huynh, Global Young Leaders Conference attendee

## Thank You for supporting the Xavier College Foundation during 2018, and for your positive impact on the lives of our students and staff

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We acknowledge the Class of 2017 on their generous contributions towards a future Bursary

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#### BEQUESTS

Mr K Ulmi (OX 1950)

## 2018 Inspiring Excellence Report

Our annual *Inspiring Excellence* appeal was generously supported by the Xavier community in 2018. Current parents, past parents, Old Xaverians and Xavier staff contributed 348 gifts equalling \$182,996 towards Bursaries, Buildings and the three Libraries. This represents a 10% increase in the number of donations received compared with 2017. We are very grateful for the generosity of all those who contributed, both in 2018 and in previous years.

The Bursary Fund was again the most well-supported project, with 66% of donations directed towards supporting students who may otherwise not have the means to study at Xavier. Donations to the Burke Hall Library will enable the staff to purchase Teacher Geek Carts as part of the Makerspace project envisioned for the students. Kostka Hall Library donations totalled over \$4,000 which will also be used towards a Makerspace project at the end of 2019. With over \$7,000 raised for the Senior Campus Library, new contemporary furniture will be purchased to support a comfortable environment to study and learn adding to the newly created study space funded by 2017 donations.

These projects are made possible because of the generosity of our donor community. Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference to the lives of students at Xavier. But it is the collective power of gifts from our community that makes the biggest difference of all. Thank you again, to all those who supported the 2018 *Inspiring Excellence* Appeal.



# Extending the Archives under the South Wing

With construction and renovation work largely being undertaken over holiday periods, many of the changes to the Archives have not been seen or heard by the College community.

Over the past year, holes have been carefully made in the old foundations and soil has been removed to provide for extended archives space under the South Wing. Concrete has been poured to create new floors and ceilings with lights now cover the floorboards of the hall and staff room above.

Soon the new spaces will be fitted with shelves and compactuses giving our Archivist Catherine Hall much more room to work with.

The College is very grateful towards the Eldon Hogan Trust and Trustee Mr Peter Walsh for enabling this work to proceed.



## The Laurels Society

The Laurels Society is a special group of people who have made provision for Xavier College in their will. They held their second annual lunch this year and some 50 people gathered to listen to retiring Chair of College Board (and before that, College Council) Frank Peck OAM. Mr Peck concluded his address with these words:

*"I am confident that the newly incorporated Board, with a new Chair (Tony Nunan), recently appointed Principal (Bill Doherty), a new Chair of the Xavier College Foundation, planned infrastructure projects and a new*

*Strategic Plan to be finalised early in 2019, is well placed to build on the work that has been completed and to guide the College to a new level of excellence.*

*Finally, I wish to formally offer special thanks to you – the members of the Xavier community. As we are all aware, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, the shoulders of those who believed in Jesuit education, applauded excellence, supported endeavour and provided financial assistance to make Xavier the College it is today".*



## The universal language of music

Greg Carey,  
Director of Music

In 2018, Joseph Hourigan (Year 11), Daniel Lin (Year 11), David Do (Year 9) and Henry Eames (Year 9) experienced the trip of a lifetime: a three-week immersion program to Wells Cathedral School in the UK.

The focus for the trip was to immerse the students in an environment where they could be fully extended in a specialist music school. Overall, the trip was a momentous success with students enjoying the opportunity to learn and to perform alongside some amazing young musicians.

HE: *"I would like to thank Mr Walsh, Mr Doherty and the Eldon Hogan Trust for giving me the chance to experience a trip one may only dream of".*



JH: *"The students really made us welcome and it was good fun to get to know people with the same interests as us. Among them were some of the best musicians of our age in the world".*

DL: *"The teachers there suggested different methods of practising the same parts and gave me exercises that would help me in various areas of my playing. It was clear that they*

*assumed their students would practise at their own pace on their own initiative. In lessons, they acted more as a guide or a mentor".*

DD: *"Performing the Brahms Requiem was just amazing. I thought it would be difficult to master this professional level work, but after the end of the first rehearsal, I was able to hold my own with the other players".*