



## ST PAUL'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear Pauline and Friends,

Since the time of its founding, St Paul's College has held within its vision the ambition of establishing an enduring endowment—one that would support scholarships, fellowships, and “*all the paraphernalia of intellectual enterprise*,” as founder, **Sir Alfred Stephen**, described it.

The **1850s gold rush** boom initially stirred such aspirations; however, the collapse of the era's fortunes brought early hopes to the ground. In the decades that followed, well-intentioned efforts—led by **Warden Arthur Garnsey**, and college parents **Frank Albert**, and **Sir Hugh Denison**—sought to revive this goal. However, through world wars and economic depressions, the prevailing winds of history often proved too strong.

In the 1950s **William Southy Wilson**, a deeply committed Old Pauline, launched a bold subscription campaign for much needed building works. He rallied 250 subscribers within two years—a remarkable feat. But still, a genuine endowment remained unrealised.

Then, in the **1970s**, came the turning point. A group of dedicated Old Paulines, had the inclination, the enthusiasm, and the means to bring the dream to life. Driven by the leadership and energy of **Lloyd Waddy**, **Robert Albert**, and **John Lehane**, the **St Paul's College Foundation** was born. Alongside them were Neville Menlove\*, Richard (Michael) McCredie, James Bell, and shortly thereafter, John Booth, John Currie, Angelo Hatsatouris\*, and Michael (Mick) Swinburn. With wise investment stewardship from Geoff Newman and Robert Maple-Brown, the Foundation took its first confident steps.

Established in June 1977, the St Paul's College Foundation was conceived as a perpetual fund—ensuring that every gift would support the College not just in the present, but for generations to come. Lloyd Waddy, ever a persuasive advocate, liked to remind donors that “*A gift to the Foundation will work for the College forever.*”

\* Neville Menlove and Angelo Hatsatouris continue to serve on the Foundation Board

Every gift to the Foundation makes a difference. Every donor becomes an **Annual Member**, joining a proud tradition of support and stewardship. Those who give **\$5,000** or more are recognised as **Foundation Life Members**—ensuring their commitment is honoured in perpetuity.

To date, **1893 members of the St Paul's community have made a gift to the Foundation**, including **578 Life Members**. Many of the most **significant and impactful gifts have come through bequests**. It is only with your continued support that the Foundation can help maintain the beloved heritage buildings and improve the facilities. Most importantly, your gifts to the Foundation change lives through the scholarships they provide—more than **500 scholarships** have been awarded since the inaugural Foundation Scholars were named in 1983. We remain committed to ensuring that the transformative experience of St Paul's is never out of reach for the most talented students.

St Paul's continues to thrive with high levels of academic achievement across the College—the **Semester Average Mark for last year was 76.4**, well above the University average. Outstanding engagement is also evident in the College's sporting, social, and spiritual life. **Rawson Cup Winners in 2024**, this year we have already celebrated **wins in the Rawson Cup Cricket and the Rose Bowl Rowing**.

As we reflect on this remarkable legacy, we want to acknowledge and thank those dedicated Paulines who had the vision and passion to establish the Foundation, and all those who have strengthened it since.

Now, we invite you to play your part in sustaining and growing it. The Foundation relies on your support to ensure that St Paul's will continue to offer the best collegiate experience by attracting the most promising students regardless of their financial means, fostering intellectual excellence and leadership, and preserving the traditions that define St Paul's.

As the end of the financial year approaches, we encourage you to give generously to this special place and its important work.

Best regards,



Geoff Lovell  
FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN



Ed Loane  
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