



Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, 16 May 2023
Chair of Foundation Report

Good evening and welcome.

As Chair of the Foundation, I know I go on about it being an exciting time for us. That is because I believe it to be true.

Since our last AGM, the Foundation hosted a planning day where our inaugural Strategic Plan was formed. The Foundation's Strategic Plan 2023-2026 will shortly be shared with our community, along with the Foundation's 2022 Impact Report. It has been a 12-month process to develop our key goals for the future. The Strategic Plan is something to be proud of and will guide our way forward in growing the culture of philanthropy at the College for us to continue to build on our past successes made possible by the generous families who believe in what the Foundation is striving to do.

Richard Scollin will also report further on our financials, but I think it important for this to be repeated by me now. The total giving by our community last year increased by 18%, representing a figure of \$186,000. We have 18 new donors supporting the Bursary program. This tells me that not only are people hearing the Foundation's message, but they are also listening.

It is important to acknowledge the work that lies before us in growing support for the Foundation, but it is also important to celebrate the achievements to date. To the members of the Foundation, Stella Waugh (Deputy Chair), Richard Scollin, Cecilia White, Jon Davis and our most recent member, Sophie Doyle, I say a heartfelt thank you. Your enthusiasm, expertise and generosity are outstanding. We are volunteers, doing the work we are trying to do on the Foundation, with family commitments and work pressures all doing the best we can, and I believe this group of like-minded people are open to the opportunities and the future success of the Foundation like never before.

And whilst we have much to look forward to, one member of the Foundation will soon be able to look forward to other things. Tonight, we farewell and thank John Kavanagh for all he has done whilst being on the Foundation. I am personally extremely grateful to John for the three years he has given to the Foundation and for all his contributions whilst on it, particularly his wise counsel and direction during the review of the Constitution. That review was a mammoth task, taking many years and I truly believe it may still be in the review stage if not for John. On behalf of the Foundation, thank you so much for accepting the invitation to join the Committee and I wish you all the very best and hope our paths will cross again.

Thank you to the College staff who support the Foundation and particularly to Barbara Watkins - you have shown an interest and curiosity in the Foundation since your commencement, and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Susan Dodson
Chair of Foundation