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2025 Impact of Giving



Headmaster David Roberts with Henry, Sneh & Jordan

The Power of Community Support

The transformative power of education is something we see every day at the College – in the curiosity of our youngest learners, the confidence of our senior boys, and the countless moments where growth, challenge and discovery intersect. These experiences affirm the importance of what we do and why the support of our community is so vital to creating and sustaining opportunities that shape futures.

This 2025 Impact of Giving Report reflects the many ways philanthropy strengthens College life. From scholarships that open doors, to new facilities that enhance learning and wellbeing, to programs that enrich the educational experience, every contribution plays a part in creating brighter futures for our boys. The collective generosity of our community ensures that each student benefits – not just today, but long into the future.

One of the most memorable moments of the year was our inaugural Giving Day in May. In just 24 hours, 303 donors, including 143 first-time donors, came together to raise over \$528,014 in support of the Preparatory School redevelopment. The energy across the campus was extraordinary. Students, staff, families and Old Scholars united with pride and purpose, showing what can be achieved when a community rallies behind a shared vision.

We also saw significant progress on the Preparatory School redevelopment, a project that represents both our ambition and our commitment to providing the very best learning environment for our boys. What began as a bold vision is now taking shape, thanks to the generosity and vision of those who believe deeply in the value of exceptional education. The new spaces will support

curiosity, creativity and wellbeing, ensuring our youngest learners have the foundations they need to succeed.

Philanthropy plays a vital role in allowing the College to achieve excellence in all aspects of boys' education. It enables us to go beyond what is expected and pursue what is truly exceptional, whether through innovative programs, inspiring facilities or opportunities that broaden horizons. Its impact is felt daily, in ways both seen and unseen, and it continues to shape the character and confidence of every boy who walks through our gates.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents throughout the year. From mentoring and coaching to event support and community engagement, your commitment enriches College life and reminds us that generosity is not only measured in dollars, but in care, skill and shared purpose.

On behalf of our students, staff and the wider PAC community, thank you. Your generosity enriches the experience of every boy and helps us continue to build a future defined by excellence, opportunity and shared purpose.



David Roberts
Headmaster



James Newton
President, Prince Alfred College Foundation

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE



526
Donors



214
New Donors



\$5 Smallest gift
\$100,000 Largest gift



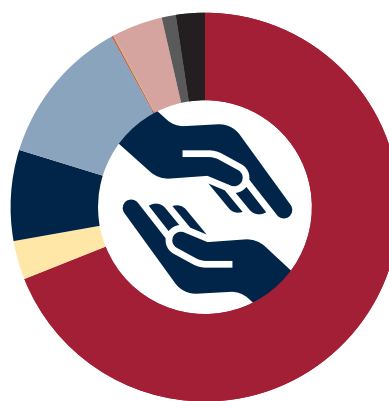
1360
Donations



481
9 new
Foundation Members



36
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\$1,194,116

2025 Giving Breakdown:

- Preparatory School Redevelopment**
\$824,228
- Park 9 Pavilion**
\$38,667
- Other Building Fund**
\$90,237
- Scholarship Fund**
\$146,520
- Library Fund**
\$1,745
- Museum Fund**
\$1,000
- Academic Programs**
\$50,000
- Gifts and Prizes**
\$14,185
- Sport**
\$28,534



The new Preparatory School buildings taking shape

Shaping the Future of Learning, Together

The Preparatory School redevelopment is one of the most significant upgrades to our learning spaces in recent history, designed to inspire curiosity, support wellbeing, and prepare students for the future.

These new environments reflect our belief that where boys learn plays a vital role in shaping confidence, creativity, and possibility.

Light-filled classrooms, flexible collaboration zones, enhanced outdoor areas, and specialist spaces have been purposefully designed to foster academic, social, and emotional growth from the earliest years.

These transformative spaces have been made possible through the incredible generosity of our community, including the many individuals and families who supported the College's first-ever Giving Day in May. Together, we raised an extraordinary \$528,014 in just 12 hours, with 303 donors contributing, including 143 first-time supporters.

“When we began planning Giving Day, we wanted it to be a celebration of community, connection and shared purpose. Thanks to the extraordinary collective effort of our families, old scholars and staff, that’s exactly what it became.”

David Roberts - Headmaster

A highlight of the day was the College-wide Colour Run, a vibrant celebration that captured the spirit of Giving Day – fun, inclusive and full of energy! The success of the day was a true team effort, from student involvement across the day, parents and grandparents cheering from the sidelines, Old Scholars sharing messages of support from across Australia and beyond, and behind the scenes, an amazing team of staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to make the day a success.

Giving Day wasn't just about raising funds – it was about creating a day to remember, sharing stories, and the joy of giving back. Every gift, whether \$20 or \$2,000, is a powerful investment in opportunities for young men and the future of our school.

As the redevelopment approaches completion, we look forward to welcoming our community into these inspiring new spaces, designed to provide our boys with the highest standard of education and the best possible start in life.



Sophie and Hugh



College Captain Petey Flower with Prep School students



Lydia Kammer, Anna Chugg, Brooke Raeside, Lin Yuan



Year 4 students celebrate completing the Colour Run



Jacky Yang and son, Jasper (Year 2)

Foundation AGM & Lunch

Foundation Members enjoyed an engaging afternoon at our annual Foundation Lunch in May, with this year's event offering unique insights into the Preparatory School Redevelopment. Thank you to our panel – MC Max Burford (PAC 2009), builder Andrew Marshall (PAC 1984), architect Kate Colligan and Headmaster David Roberts – for providing a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the vision, planning and progress of this important project, and to all who joined us for your continued support in helping to shape the future of Prince Alfred College.



Panellists Andrew Marshall, Kate Colligan, David Roberts, Max Burford



Rosanne Piller, David Prescott

Foundation Spring Drinks

A special reception hosted by the Headmaster and his wife, Sofie, in late October was a wonderful way to welcome Foundation members who are also current parents.



David Roberts, Anna Roussos, Heidi and Alex Chapman



Olga Polikina, Sofie Roberts, Tom and Natasha Huxtable



John Marsh, Ben Wang, Celia Ding, Louise Marsh

Why I Give?

“When my son joined PAC, we became part of a community that extends far beyond the classroom walls. Donors’ support helps this community grow and thrive, benefiting both the students and the school as a whole. Contributions not only help create opportunities but also teach the boys the importance of giving back.”

Dr Olga Polikina - Current Parent

“I give in my appreciation of a very memorable education at a remarkable school.”

Dr Tim Cooper - Old Scholar (1973)

“Being a Princes’ Man, I have a lot to be proud of, and I wanted the younger generations to share in that same pride for themselves. The most powerful skills the school taught me was that of resilience and to endure; skills that I continue to reap those benefits of in every aspect of my adult life, especially now that I reside overseas. I relish being a part of the Old Reds London community, and being an Old Red, continues to be a real highlight of my journey”

Mr Leigh Schelvis - Old Scholar (2002)

“I give for my sons and future grandsons and great grandsons.”

Lauren Jones - Current Parent





Thami Nyathi

A Life-Changing Opportunity

To put it simply, the Bruck and Betty Wheeler Scholarship has allowed me to attend Prince Alfred College, and it has changed my life forever.

Receiving this scholarship, through the generosity of the Wheeler family and the College as a whole, has had a profound impact on me as a person. I started at Princes in Year 8, and as I reach my final year and reflect on my time at the College, which is soon coming to an end, I can clearly see the impact it has had on my growth. PAC has provided me with opportunities I would not have had access to otherwise, from enriching outdoor education experiences like Wambana, to sporting trips where I trained and competed with and against excellent athletes, to the amazing facilities and staff who helped me commit to my academics and excel as a student. I have found new interests and met lifelong friends and like-minded people, all thanks to Princes, and I will cherish these days. It really is a school like no other – the brotherhood, support, and guidance I have received have been second to none, and it is all thanks to the scholarship programs the school has run for many years, which have allowed a diverse range of students the chance to attend this school we all love.

Beyond the tangible experiences, Princes has played an instrumental role in the development of my character. I have grown as a young man with the values of the school instilled in me, including an emphasis on service to others, leadership, and the four core values of respect, excellence, belonging, and endeavour. These have been the most wonderful gifts the school has given me. I have especially valued the leadership opportunities and the chance to serve the wider community

through volunteering. This was epitomised by the honour of being entrusted with the role of College Captain in my final year, something I am incredibly proud of and deeply grateful for. It is an honour I owe to the opportunities made possible through this scholarship and the College. I will be eternally grateful for everything the school has given me and for the impact it has had on my life thus far and to come.

Thami Nyathi
2026 College Captain
Recipient of the Bruck and Betty Wheeler Scholarship





Lachlan Hilder with fellow Boarder Alexander La Nauze

Finding my Confidence at PAC

My time at PAC in 2025 started with me being as nervous as ever. I didn't know anyone except a new Year 7 boy who was two years below me, so I wasn't very confident about getting out of my comfort zone or making new friends. Coming from an area school with only 35 kids - and just 14 in my class, made up of Years 7 to 12 - the size and pace of PAC were overwhelming.

At first, nothing changed. I kept to myself, not wanting attention from staff, teachers, or other boys. I wanted to drift through the days without anyone really noticing I was there. During the second week, on a Wednesday, I was sitting in English class staring at my blank book again when my teacher, Miss King, noticed I was struggling. She sent Miss Spitty over to check on me. After talking about why I was having trouble, she encouraged me to come with her to Learning Academic Support, where I met [two other students] Max and Henry.

After many weeks in Academic Support, I slowly began to come out of my shell. I started interacting with teachers and other boys, and as the year went on, I found myself becoming more confident than I ever was at the start.

By the time 2025 was coming to an end, I was actually looking forward to the next year. I felt ready, and confident enough, to help the new boys of 2026 feel welcome and safe in the Boarding House, just as others had done for me when I first arrived.

Lachlan Hilder, Year 9 in 2025

Recipient of the Ken Lord Family Boarding Scholarship



2025 Donor Honour Roll

A heartfelt thank you to the 526 individuals and families who donated to the College in 2025. Your contribution plays a vital role in shaping the education and experiences of current and future generations of boys and enables us to go beyond what school fees alone can provide.

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Expanding Opportunities in Mathematics

A generous donation to the Mathematics Faculty has opened the door to exciting new opportunities for students, allowing them to experience mathematics through a different lens. This support funded an allocation of staff time to develop innovative new programs that extend learning well beyond the curriculum.

One of the most successful initiatives has been the introduction of Mathematics Battles into the classroom. Previously part of the Co-Curricular Mathematics program, these competitions now give boys in Standard Mathematics classes the chance to work in teams, think strategically, and present solutions in a lively, interactive format. The battles feature two rounds:

- Quick Fire, testing speed and accuracy
- Traditional Battle, where teams present detailed solutions to judges and peers

Students are scored on reasoning, clarity, and presentation, and the standard has been outstanding. These events have sparked enthusiasm, built confidence, and shown that mathematics can be creative and fun.

The program's impact is already extending beyond the classroom. In November 2025, PAC students competed in the first-ever interschool Mathematics Battle against Adelaide Botanic High School. This donor-funded initiative is transforming the way boys engage with mathematics and inspiring a new generation of problem-solvers.



An Enduring Legacy: Remembering Max Lemon (1955)

Chevalier Brigadier Max Lemon AM, CJSJ began at the Preparatory School in 1946, at just eight years of age. From the outset, he discovered a deep love of learning, particularly mathematics and Latin, immersing himself fully in school life. He thrived in cadets and on the tennis court, forming friendships that would endure for a lifetime.

After completing his schooling, Max joined the Royal Australian Army School of Cadets in 1955, embarking on a distinguished military career that spanned more than 34 years. Rising to the rank of Brigadier General, he served his country with honour and dedication, including two tours of duty in Vietnam.

In recognition of his exceptional service, Max was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 1985 Australia Day Honours for his contributions to the Joint Communications Electronics Branch. In 1999, he was further honoured when he was knighted in the South Australia Priory of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.

Max's affection for the College remained constant throughout his life. He embraced all that the school had offered him and held it close to his heart. Upon his passing in November 2024, this enduring bond was reflected in his generous bequest to the College he so dearly loved.

During a visit to the College in late 2024, Max's daughter, Michelle, shared that the school had been a place of comfort and stability for her father at a time in his childhood when home was not all that it should have been. The College became not just a place of learning, but a refuge; one that shaped the man he would become.

Max's gift, made through his Will, has been directed towards the Preparatory School Redevelopment. In recognition of his legacy and deep affection for his old school, a commemorative plaque will be installed in one of the learning pods in honour of Maxwell Lemon and his enduring love of the College.



INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS TEAM - 1955

Won by S.P.S.C.: 13 rubbers, P.A.C. 2 rubbers

Back Row—R. W. Gnjel, A. J. C. Holland, P. S. Clarkson, W. A. McEwen
Front Row—A. G. Hannam, M. J. Lemon (Captain), Mr. P. M. C. Turnbull (Coach),
C. N. James, G. R. Brown



Carol Spangler and Barbara Trappett



Archivist Kate Pulford with artist Henry Cockington

An Afternoon of Culture and Connection

Community members who notify us of their intention to remember the College in their Will are invited to join the T.G. Waterhouse Society – a dedicated group of supporters committed to the College’s future. Each year, members come together for a special event that offers unique insights into an aspect of College life.

This year’s event featured an elegant afternoon tea with the Headmaster, followed by a fascinating curated tour of the College’s art collection led by Archivist Kate Pulford and renowned art curator Ken Orchard. Guests also enjoyed hearing from current art students and young Old Scholar and artist Henry Cockington (PAC 2015), who shared stories and insights into their creative work.

With many of the artworks on display the result of gifts and bequests, it was a meaningful occasion that both fostered connection and celebrated the enduring impact of philanthropy on the cultural life of the College.

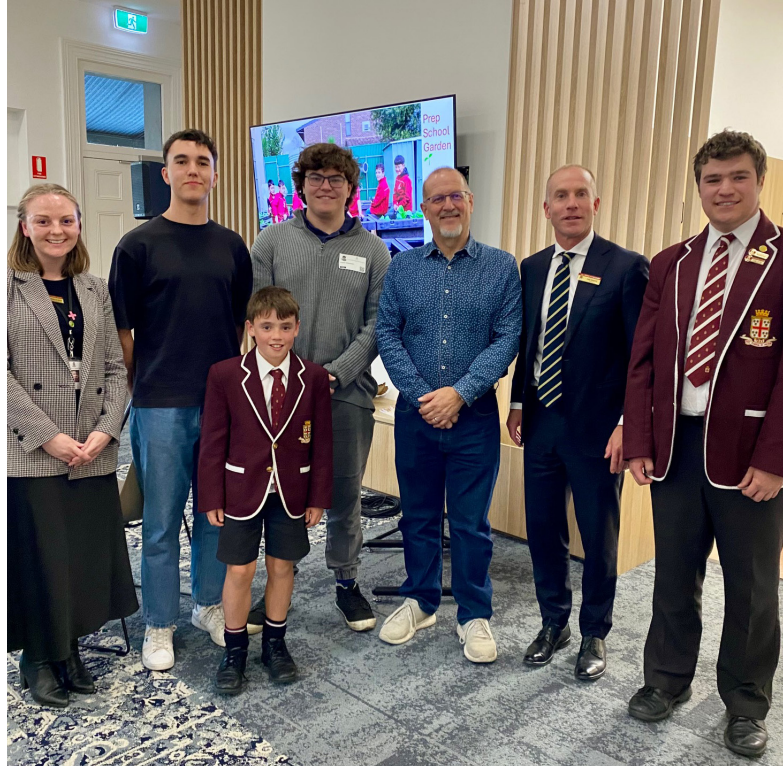
Bequests are more than just gifts – they play a vital role in securing the future of our school, supporting scholarships, facilities and programs that benefit generations to come. If you would like more information about leaving a gift in your Will, or would like to join the T.G. Waterhouse Society, please contact Helen Karapandzic on +61 8 8334 1272 or foundation@pac.edu.au, or scan the QR code



Taine Meyer explaining his artwork



Ben Motteram and Annie Richards



Langley Music Centre Refurbishment

Thanks to generous donations to the Voluntary Building Fund in 2025, the Langley Music Centre underwent a remarkable transformation.

The enhancements, including new carpets, fresh paint, improved audiovisual equipment and acoustic panelling, have revitalised the rehearsal space, allowing it to comfortably accommodate the full school orchestra while also providing an intimate setting for smaller performances.

A vital resource for students across the College, the upgraded space now serves as a versatile venue for rehearsals, concerts and recitals. From weekly assemblies to performances and community events, music continues to be an integral part of school life and we are deeply grateful for the support that allows our musicians to flourish. Scan the QR code below to read about other projects made possible in recent years through the Voluntary Building Fund.



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An Afternoon with Geography

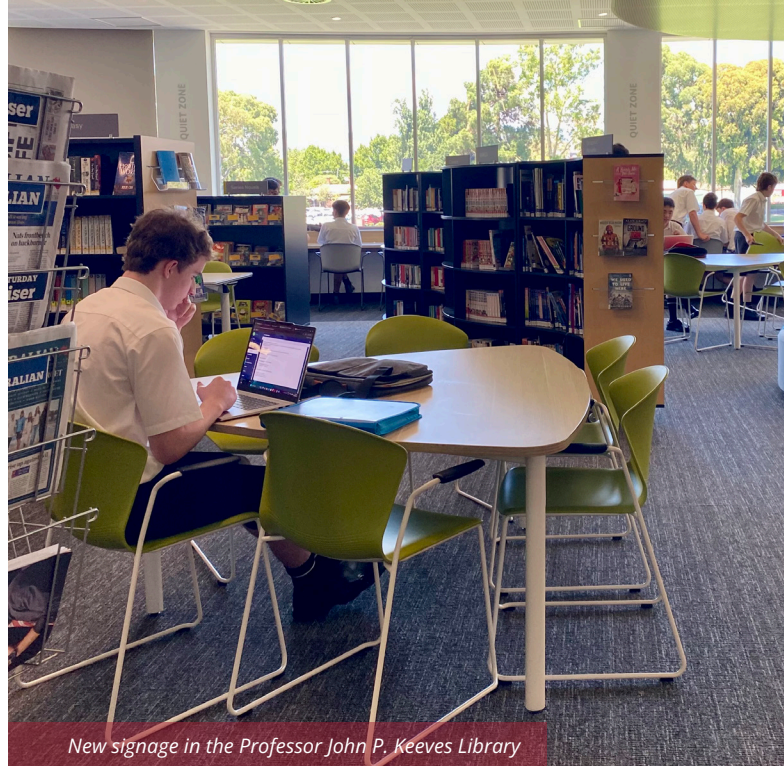
In late May, a grant from the Neil Smart Environmental Education Fund helped bring together students, parents and old scholars for An Afternoon with Geography, an inspiring showcase of ideas, innovation and impact.

From electrifying a 200-acre farm in Tasmania, to waste reduction initiatives in the Boarding House and the impact of the Preparatory School veggie garden, the event celebrated the power of Geography to shape how we think, act and lead in a rapidly changing world.

A heartfelt thank you to our guest speakers (pictured L-R above): Danielle Cross, Chris Towers (PAC 2024), Harvey (Year 5), Fraser Newman (PAC 2024), Simon Hackett (PAC 1982), David Roberts and Eddie (Year 12), and to the Neil Smart Environmental Education Fund for helping make this event possible.



Tony Fricker (seated), with Michael and Michele Fricker, and Headmaster Roberts



New signage in the Professor John P. Keeves Library

A Gift of Opportunity

We acknowledge the vision and generosity of Anthony 'Tony' Fricker (PAC 1963-1971), who has established a scholarship to support current and future generations of boys who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend Prince Alfred College.

The scholarship is dedicated to students who have experienced disadvantage through personal circumstances and/or background. As Tony explains: "Princes gave me a great start in life and I would like others to have the same opportunities."

The first recipient of the Tony Fricker Scholarship will commence at the College in 2027, marking the beginning of a legacy that will change lives for years to come.

New Library Signage Installed

Donations to the Prince Alfred College Library Fund in 2025 contributed to the installation of new signage in the Professor John P. Keeves Secondary School Library.

Completed in September, the signage defines zones for quiet study, teaching, and collaboration, improving wayfinding and supporting purposeful use of the library. We thank all donors whose contributions made this enhancement possible.

The introduction of clear signage has improved how students use the library, making it easier to choose areas that suit their learning needs. With quiet, collaborative, and teaching zones clearly defined, shared spaces are used with greater consideration, creating a calm, welcoming environment that supports both focused study and collaboration. The library also honours Professor John P. Keeves, reminding students they are part of a long tradition of learning shaped by those dedicated to knowledge and education.

Ana Grieve - Head Librarian (Senior School)

Donor and Volunteer Thank You Function

We are continually inspired by the generosity of our community, whether through time, talent, or treasures. In November, we hosted our annual Donor and Volunteer Thank You Function, a special occasion to acknowledge the many individuals who enrich College life.

This event brings together donors, volunteers, board and committee members, parent representatives, and others whose contributions make a lasting impact. It's an opportunity to celebrate shared commitment, strengthen connections, and express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support that helps shape opportunities for our students.

Thank you to everyone who gives so generously. Your involvement ensures that Prince Alfred College continues to thrive and deliver exceptional experiences for every boy.



Sara Zhang, Lin Yuan, Helen Karapandzic, Vicky Zhang, Maggie Wu, Ni Li and Summer Peng



David Roberts, Gilbert Rutherford, David Sanders, Glenn Cooper, Alf Brown and Alister Haigh



Brooke Raeside, Lydia Kammer, Eric Le, Diane Nguyen and Louise Marsh



James Newton, Tes Rodrigues, Katheryn Blewett



Kara Jovicevic, Jane Newton, Sofie Roberts

Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our donors who have made a significant impact on the Prince Alfred College community. Your generosity has helped us continue our mission of providing exceptional education and opportunities to young men for generations.

The Prince Alfred College Foundation serves as a vital channel for philanthropic support, enabling us to enhance facilities, expand scholarship programs, and enrich the overall educational experience for our students. Through the Foundation, donors like you have the opportunity to contribute to projects and initiatives that align with your passions and values, leaving a lasting legacy that benefits our entire community.

Whether you choose to support scholarships, buildings and facilities, academic programs, sports and arts initiatives, or another area, your tax-deductible contribution to the Prince Alfred College Foundation makes a tangible difference in the lives of our students.

We invite you to explore the various ways you can support Prince Alfred College through the Foundation, whether through a one-time donation, recurring gift, bequest, or other planned giving options. Your support not only strengthens the College but also fosters a culture of philanthropy that inspires others to give back and make a difference.

To learn more about the Prince Alfred College Foundation and how you can get involved, please visit the College website or scan the QR code below.

On behalf of the entire Prince Alfred College community, we thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can continue to provide exceptional opportunities and experiences for our students, now and in the future.

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