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Acknowledgement of Country

This Page: Year 12 2024 students in the

new Learning Commons.

We respectfully acknowledge the Kaurna, Ngangaruku and the Narungga people, traditional custodians of the lands where Prince Alfred College, Scotts Creek and Wambana are located, and we honour their enduring care for this land for over 60,000 years. Guided by their wisdom and connection to country, we aspire to uphold our College values of respect and integrity, seeking their leadership and guidance in our journey.

Celebrating Generosity and Impact

It is with great pride that we present the 2024 Impact of Giving report, a testament to the generosity of our community and the enduring spirit of philanthropy that shapes Prince Alfred College.

This year, our collective efforts have significantly advanced our shared vision of securing the long-term future of the College while fostering a diverse and inclusive community. Through your support, scholarships have been a cornerstone of this mission, enabling us to offer life-changing educational experiences to students of varying interests and talents who might not otherwise have the means to attend. In 2024, we were proud to welcome 44 new boys to the College on scholarships, of which 14 were boarding students. These opportunities enrich the fabric of our school, creating a dynamic and inclusive environment that prepares our students for the complexities of an interconnected world.

At the same time, our focus on securing the College's long-term future has driven transformative projects, including the Preparatory School redevelopment. These initiatives are designed not just for the present but for generations to come, ensuring that Prince Alfred College remains a centre of educational excellence, innovation, and character development for boys.

Every donation, no matter the size, tells a story of commitment to our students, staff, and broader community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and belief in the power of education to transform lives. Together, we are building a legacy that will resonate far beyond today.

David Roberts

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James Newton

President, Prince Alfred College Foundation

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE





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2024 Giving Breakdown:

- Preparatory School Redevelopment \$462,000
- Park 9 Pavilion \$59,501
- Other Building Fund \$124,112
- Scholarship Fund \$151,497
- Library Fund \$5,810
- Museum Fund \$4,000
- Gifts and Prizes \$105,000
- Australian Sports Foundation \$4,500

Celebrating 50 Years of the Prince Alfred College Foundation

2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the Foundation, a cornerstone of support for Prince Alfred College. Over five decades, the Foundation has played a vital role in shaping the College's future through scholarships, innovative programs and transformative projects.

Key events marked this milestone, including a Past Presidents' Event in February and the Foundation 50 celebration in November, which honoured and celebrated all those who have contributed to the Foundation's remarkable legacy. This important milestone was further highlighted in The Princes Record #98, with a timeline and stories, showcasing the enduring legacy of philanthropy at the College. Thank you to all who have contributed to this remarkable story. Here's to the next 50 years!













Scan to view a timeline illustrating the key events in the Foundation's history

Year 12 Learning Commons

Each year, contributions to the voluntary Building Fund play a vital role in maintaining the College's facilities and supporting the creation of new teaching and learning areas.

The new Year 12 Learning Commons, opened in June 2024, has quickly become a cornerstone for our senior students as they prepare for the next stage of their academic and personal journeys. Purpose-built with their unique needs in mind, these dedicated spaces offer a quiet sanctuary for focused study, as well as a comfortable environment to unwind during breaks.

Open daily from 7:00 am, the Learning Commons provides flexibility for students to start their day early and make the most of their study time. It is also the home of our Extended Study Program, which offers supervised evening study sessions and access to tutors until 8:30 pm. This invaluable program supports students in their final year of schooling, helping them achieve their academic goals.

This state-of-the-art facility was made possible thanks to the generosity of our community, who continue to invest in the success and wellbeing of our students. The Year 12 Learning Commons stands as a testament to the transformative power of philanthropy, offering current and future Year 12 students exceptional opportunities.





SUPPORTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Four Seasons Community Garden

The Four Seasons Community Garden has become a thriving hub of sustainability, education, and community, thanks to the generosity and support of grant funding from Green Adelaide, a Woolworths **Landcare Grant, in-kind contributions** from Bunnings Kent Town and a donation from the Prince Alfred College Grandies' Club.

This vibrant garden, within our Preparatory School, was designed to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities about biodiversity, environmental stewardship and the joys of growing fresh produce. At the heart of the garden's success has been the active involvement of our students, particularly

their leadership in its design. Boys from across the Preparatory community contributed ideas for the layout and planting choices, bringing creativity and ownership to the project.

The garden's innovative design features a series of Foodcube wicking beds connected to a large rainwater tank. These water-efficient beds conserve resources while providing an ideal platform for growing vegetables and herbs. Through this setup, students and staff engage in sustainable gardening practices while learning about food production and environmental responsibility.

More than just a space for cultivation, the garden serves as a living classroom where students participate in hands-on lessons about science, sustainability, and healthy eating. It has also become a place for boys to connect, collaborate, and share the joy of gardening, fostering teamwork and a sense of community.

Thanks to the support of our partners, the Four Seasons Community Garden is thriving, and its impact continues to grow. It serves as a reminder that with shared vision and teamwork, we can cultivate meaningful change.

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Non-Routine Problem Solving in Mathematics

A generous donation from an Old Scholar in 2024 enabled us to fast-track our vision of systematically engaging a broader range of students in solving non-routine problems – an endeavour that lies at the heart of cultivating mathematical excellence. Tackling such problems is often regarded as the pinnacle of mathematical thinking and behaviour.

Two dedicated staff members now allocate time each week to:

- Develop non-routine problem packs for teachers to use in their classrooms.
- Curate internal "competition" packs for our Year 8 class versus class competitions.
- Support other staff in effectively utilising the materials they create.
- Design problem sets for our internal mathematical battles, which turn mathematics into a spectator sport.
- Innovate and establish an inter-school mathematical battle league.

It is incredibly inspiring to see the rich and dynamic learning experiences that the availability of these resources is helping to foster.

Scholarship Recipients

HARRY MARTIN - YEAR 9 2024 KEN LORD FAMILY BOARDING SCHOLARSHIP

'I started as a Year 9 boarder at PAC in 2024 after growing up on a farm near Keith. I am the oldest of three, with a younger brother and sister. I live on a farm that grows lucerne seed, we also produce merino wool and lambs. I have a connection to PAC through my grandpa. He was an Old Scholar and always admired the school, which has led me to do so as well.

My favourite thing about PAC so far is the mateship which is formed in boarding. Being able to kick the footy or go down The Parade with others is something I didn't get to do back on the farm. It has been good learning about the where other boys live and what they do on their farms. Hopefully by being at PAC I can learn from the other boarders as much as I learn at school. By the time I finish at PAC, I hope I have a good idea as to what I want to do after school, which I know will have something to do with farming.

Overall, boarding has been better than I imagined it would be. I thought living with 150 other boys would be overwhelming. I am very appreciative of all the people who have supported me to have the opportunity to be attending PAC.'



CALEB TANG (YEAR 12 2024) RICHARD THORNE SCHOLARSHIP

'Growing up, I always admired the buildings and architecture at PAC and the prestige of this institution. However, it wasn't until I started here that I truly understood the value of a Princes education lies in the people. The rich history of Prince Alfred College makes me feel privileged to be here. I remember my first day vividly, flipping through 'The Princes Man' picture book every morning of the summer holidays before Year 7. Now, at the end of my journey as a student, it feels surreal to have filled the shoes of that boy in the picture book, walked the same paths, and experienced similar moments.

An education at Prince Alfred College offers so much, and my biggest regret is not taking advantage of more opportunities. I wish I had tried rowing, joined debating, and participated in drama. However, I am glad I made the most of the cocurricular activities I did join, such as chess, badminton, footy, soccer, and volleyball, along with the memories they created.

Although I graduated almost a month ago, it still doesn't feel real. My connection with the College runs deep and extends beyond my experience as a student. This bond will never

leave me, whether through coaching chess or badminton, tutoring senior students, or playing in Old Collegians sports clubs.

In 20 years, I hope to be a successful doctor, possibly specialising in paediatrics, though that may change. It feels strange to think about now, amidst my medical school interviews, but I am excited for the future. I know Year 7 me would be proud of where I am today and the people around me.

Another long-term aspiration is to fund a scholarship. My experience at PAC has been invaluable in shaping who I am, and I feel an obligation to give back and help more boys achieve their potential. During my time at Prince Alfred College, I unlocked my full potential and elevated it to new heights, a value that cannot be understated.

As an Old Scholar, I feel immense gratitude reflecting on my time at the college. Whether for the people, learning opportunities, or co-curricular activities, Prince Alfred College has opened many doors for me, and I hope this continues for future generations of students.'



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NEIL SMART ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND



Exploring Sustainability Through Drama

Sharon Reynolds | Head of Drama

Established through a bequest from the late Neil Smart (PAC 1930), the Neil Smart Environmental Education grants support staff and students to undertake environmental education projects. Two of the 2024 projects are highlighted.

It's Getting Hot in Here was a unique project between the Drama Department and Slingsby Theatre Company. The proposed project was a curriculum-based Theatre in Education performance about sustainability made possible through the Neil Smart Environmental Education Fund. Theatre in Education is a form of theatre which seeks to change attitudes, knowledge and behaviour through performance. The funds allowed us to engage Slingsby as Artists in Residence with the Year 9 Drama classes. Slingsby was a logical choice as they have a clear direction on climate action in their theatre and touring practice.

The theme of the project was to explore the environment and sustainability, and investigate areas such as current climate crisis, consumerism, and the lifespan of objects. During the 12-week process the students researched and discussed environmental issues equipping them with the necessary knowledge to create an informative theatre performance to inspire change and action in themselves and in the students in the audience.

Students took on roles as performers and creators, including designing the technical aspects of the piece. They learnt about Slingsby's theatre techniques including shadow puppetry, narration, highly inventive theatrical languages, and world building. Importantly, they had the opportunity to learn how to make their own theatre practice sustainable by considering and planning a production which has minimal impact on the school's resources and environment in general. The project was a success in learning outcomes for the boys and educating the audience about climate change.

NEIL SMART ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND



From Chickens To Recycling: How Our **Boarding House Is Going Green**

Eddie Lock | Year 12 Boarding Prefect

Since receiving the Neil Smart Environmental Education Grant in 2024, the Boarding House has made fantastic steps towards developing a more environmentally aware community by founding the Boarding Sustainability Club. The club aims to implement waste management initiatives and provide boarders with opportunities to care for new chickens, maintain a veggie garden, and volunteer at the Linde Community Garden in Stepney. Since receiving the grant, we have managed to grow our club from 3 to 14 members.

Part of creating an environmentally aware community is educating boys about waste management, in particular food waste. Part of the grant funded a custom-made 'home' for some new boarding residents - a small flock of chickens, who have settled well into city life after making a long trek from various locations across Southeast SA. The chickens have helped reduce food waste by consuming scraps and providing fresh eggs for weekend breakfasts. Caring for the chickens has helped many of our new boarders, who are dealing with homesickness, and linked them with like-minded boys in our community. The chickens, a mix of Gold Sebrights, White Leghorn Bantams and Rhode Island Reds, have sparked interest in poultry breeds and exhibition poultry among the boys, including some of our younger boys, which has been great to see.

The Sustainability Club also launched a Direct Collect 10c recycling system. Many of our boys drink flavoured milks during the week or cans of soft drink on weekends but there had been little recycling happening. With the introduction of these bins, our Sustainability Club has started recycling all 10c recyclable containers, with the proceeds going to a charity of our preference.

Another initiative is the Banish Recycling and Diversion (BRAD) program, which recycles difficult-to-recycle items like blister packs, toothbrushes, plastic razors, lip balm and pens. This program has further reduced waste in the community.

We are so grateful to have received the Neil Smart Environmental Education Grant. The initiatives and projects it has funded will continue to educate our boarders about food waste, recycling of containers and other waste, as well as keeping and exhibiting poultry. To see our boarders showing interest in the Sustainability Club and its projects in only the first five weeks of the term is great to see and we hope more people become involved.

New Knowledge Centre Fosters **Cultural Exchange**

Thanks to the generosity and vision of an Old Scholar, 2024 saw the opening of the Prince Alfred College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledge Centre.

The Knowledge Centre, located within the Memorial buildings, serves as a shared space, reflecting a deep respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, languages, and histories. It is a place that celebrates the contributions of Indigenous people, while fostering learning, dialogue, and connection among all members of our community.

In consultation with Aboriginal students and local Elders, the Knowledge Centre will provide a welcoming environment for students, staff, and the broader community to engage with Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. It will house a diverse range of resources, including books, artwork, and multimedia collections, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of Australia's First Nations peoples. Importantly, it will also offer opportunities for interactive learning, with guest speakers, workshops and cultural events led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

The Knowledge Centre will promote cultural awareness and understanding while contributing to the educational development of all PAC students. It symbolises our ongoing journey in facilitating meaningful partnerships and shared experiences between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

The Knowledge Centre will be more than just a room filled with artifacts and objects; it will be a vibrant hub of cultural exchange, changing with each Kaurna season, enabling students to learn from and alongside Indigenous communities.

As a shared space, it embodies the spirit of inclusion and respect. This initiative strengthens our commitment to reconciliation, creating a legacy for future students and their families.



Foundation in the Community

2024 was another wonderful year for the Foundation, with a thriving program of events providing an opportunity to celebrate our donors and their impact in the College community.













- 1. Past parent, Mrs Rosanne Piller, founder of the Charles Wesley Prize for Music meeting recipients, Hugo Evans and Nathan Thomas, at the Year 12 Special Prizes Assembly
- 2. Mrs Heather Roy with recipients of Ken Lord Family Boarding Scholarship, Samuel Matheson and Charlie Siemer
- 3. Mr David and Mrs Barbara Hassell with recipients of the Colin Hassell Scholarship, Zac McRoe, Sam Remeljej and Jack Schultz
- 4. Old Scholars enjoying a tour of the Robertson Buildings with Headmaster David Roberts and Deputy Headmaster Jon Gelsthorpe prior to demolition
- 5. Dr Brett Gooden with recipient of the Brett Gooden Space Science Scholarship, Aryan Parwal (Year 12) and parents Nitin and Preeti
- 6. Mr Edwin Davey (PAC 1967) presenting Owen Chen with the Arnold Davey Prize for SACE Dux of Year 11.

The Power of Volunteering

Our community benefits from an incredible network of parents and Old Scholars who give generously of their time, skills and experience to enrich our boys' experiences at school and create community and belonging.



Tom Huxtable (PAC 2003) **College Council Member and Foundation Board Member**

"My journey with Prince Alfred College began in 1996 when I started in the Preparatory School. The College and its community have been such a significant part of my life for almost three decades.

Since finishing school in 2003, I served on the Old Collegians' Association's Management Committee before joining the College's Finance and Audit Committee in 2018, which gave me valuable insights into the school's financial operations and strategic priorities, including the importance of philanthropy for the College.

This experience then led to my involvement with the College Council and Foundation in 2024, as I saw an opportunity to contribute more broadly to the school's future.

What has particularly inspired me is the chance to help shape the long-term vision of the College, specifically contributing to the College's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan recognises and builds upon what I believe is our greatest asset - the exceptional people who make up our College community and who work tirelessly to deliver on our strategic priorities.

The best part about serving on both the Council and Foundation has been seeing how our careful planning and decision-making directly benefits our students and broader school community. It is incredibly satisfying to be part of a group of people who are actively building the College's future, and I look forward to continuing this important work and seeing our Strategic Plan come to life in the years ahead".



Khanh Chong FoPAC (Friends of PAC) President

"I have been on FoPAC for nine years, since our oldest boy started in Reception in 2016. Our family had just returned from ten years in the UK and our sons had both just started at PAC and I wanted to (and needed to) meet new people. Shortly after I joined FoPAC, I saw how much the boys loved the various FoPAC-run activities like the Easter Egg Raffle and the Mother's and Father's Day gift stalls. I also saw how much fun the parents/ carers had at the Ladies in Red Lunch, Disco Bingo and Quiz Nights. I knew I wanted to be part of the team that made these events happen to bring joy to our boys and community.

I hope I have, in some way, been able to support our parents, carers and grandparents make meaningful connections within the community. Our journey at PAC started in 2016 and will end in 2032, when our youngest will finish Year 12. This is a significant amount of time, and my husband and I treasure the community that we have connected with along this journey. Some of these connections have become some of our best friends!

I would encourage everyone who can or wants to, to volunteer. Whether it is with FoPAC or another group, it is an opportunity to be part of the community that looks after our sons, the chance to connect with other parents, and just the good feelings that come with volunteering".

Simon Heuzenroeder **Boarding Parents Consultative Committee (BPCC)**

"Being a parent of five boys means our family is going to be, and has been part of the College community for a long time. My personal belief is don't sit back and watch, get involved and help if you can.

All five boys attended the local Primary School and I have just finished up on the School Council after 17 years (the last eight as President), so when the boys started at PAC it seemed logical to help the BPCC. I have been involved since our eldest, Jake, started at PAC in 2017 so this is my ninth year and sixth as Chairman.

The BPCC allows boarding parents to bond with each other and raise funds to help ensure the boys are as comfortable as they can be for the time they are in boarding. Funds raised have been used to purchase a range of items such as a coffee machine, a wok for cooking lessons and we were thrilled to assist in the recent purchase of the golf nets.

Our flagship fundraiser is the Boarders Parents Weekend. Our goal is to get as many parents as possible actively involved so they get to meet others and enjoy our events.

I urge others to get involved in the BPCC. It is a great way to give back and our boys like it when their parents get involved in their school community!"

Inspiring Excellence Through Prizes

Each year, special prizes are awarded to boys who have displayed outstanding character, service and achievement. Among these are named prizes that honour the memory and achievements of Old Scholars and past staff. Two newly established prizes are profiled here.



Henchliffe Family Prize

Established in 2024, the Henchliffe Family Prize recognises outstanding leadership and contribution to the Prince Alfred College Debating Program. The prize, generously created by the Henchliffe family, honours their sons' significant roles in the Debating program between 2014 and 2024, with the aim of inspiring the next generation of debating leaders at the College.

During their time at Prince Alfred College, David Henchliffe and Amanda Kelly's sons Alexander (2021), Nicholas (2024) and Thomas (2024) all took on leadership and coaching roles within the Debating Society. Their involvement not only enriched their own educational experiences, but also positively impacted their peers and the broader school community. The Henchliffe family hopes that these prizes will continue to foster a culture of excellence and commitment within the Debating Program.

"We are delighted to support the next generation of debaters at Prince Alfred College. Our sons' experiences as part of the Debating program were invaluable, and we hope these prizes will inspire and encourage future generations of debating leaders" shared the Henchliffe family.

The inaugural recipients of the Henchliffe Family Prize, awarded at the Debating End of Season Dinner in October 2024, were Nicholas Whyte (Senior Years Prize), Charles Tang (Middle Years Prize) and Sammy Rayner (Preparatory School Prize).

Gibbs Family History Prize

The Gibbs Family History Prize for a student in Year 7 was established in 2024 by the family of the late Ronald Malcolm Gibbs AM (PAC 1951-1955).

Ron, who passed away in 2015, was the author of many books during his lifetime and was commissioned to write a history of Prince Alfred College, first published in 1984 and a second edition was released in 2008. Ron was an eminent historian and contributed much to our understanding of South Australia's history through his research and writing in addition to Australian Aborigines and their way of life.

The Gibbs Family have been supporting the College for many years through the publication of the Annual History Journal.

The Gibbs Family History Prize recognises a student whose efforts and passion in exploring the history curriculum in Year 7 are of an outstanding level.

"The Gibbs family is so pleased to be part of the giving program at PAC and support the school's history curriculum. It has been a joy to see the Annual History Journal flourish into such a high-quality publication and be a part of encouraging students to appreciate the value in understanding our collective history."

- Margaret Gibbs

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We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our Foundation members, whose commitment and involvement plays a vital role in shaping the future of Prince Alfred College.

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The family decided to donate the artworks after reading an article about Ashton by College Archivist Kate Pulford, in the Princes Record. Ashton, a notable artist and former art master at the College, had previously donated a significant collection of his works upon his retirement in 1925.

The College is grateful for the donation, which will be displayed in the Ashton Room alongside other original works. The paintings, along with other selected works by Ashton, will also be loaned to the Royal South Australian Society of Arts, Institute Building North Terrace, for a special exhibition during the 2025 SA History Festival, celebrating 100 years since Ashton's retirement from the College.



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