



THE
HAMILTON
AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

FOUNDATION



THE GIFT OF EDUCATION



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The Hamilton and Alexandra College is an aspirational, regional community where everyone is known, valued and challenged.

One of the greatest contributions you can make is to empower future generations of College students, through the gift of education.

The Hamilton and Alexandra College owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the many community members who have donated and bequeathed funds and time to the College. This generosity has had a profound impact on the schools 150-year history and this has and will shape the confident future of both students and the broader Hamilton region.

School fees only cover the essential running costs of the College. It is through philanthropic support that our school can transform and provide the learning and co-curricular opportunities for students to become well-rounded and confident adults.

A gift in your Will acknowledges the important role that The Hamilton and Alexandra College has played in your life.

“It is challenging for schools to provide and continually improve opportunities and facilities by relying solely on Government funding and school fees.

We benefited greatly from the generosity of others when our children were at school – I now feel it is our turn to do the same for future generations.”

Kristen Waldron
Deputy Principal Wellbeing



THE IMPACT OF GIVING

At The Hamilton and Alexandra College, we are proud of our 150-year history and thank the many local families and businesses that have ensured The College has continued to grow and prosper for the benefit of the whole community.

The Hamilton and Western District College for boys and Alexandra College for girls both opened their doors to students in 1872 through the commitment and vision of local pastoralists to provide a high level of education right here in Hamilton. The two schools amalgamated as a co-educational school in 1962 to become The Hamilton and Alexandra College. Now, we are incredibly proud of our alumni and all that they have gone on to achieve in different fields and industries.

The Foundation Board is passionate about supporting the College through philanthropy, time and expertise. Many people provide support during their lifetime and beyond. I invite you to consider leaving a gift in your Will.

Bequests will help to secure the future of our College for generations to come, making your legacy last forever. This truly is a gift of education for the future.

As a fourth generation Collegian, I am proud to be involved and working towards safeguarding the future of our incredible school.

Penny Adamson
Foundation President



OUR FOUNDATION MISSION

The Foundation honours the past and secures the future of The Hamilton and Alexandra College, enhancing a culture of giving and raising funds by implementing strategic philanthropic initiatives to provide the best opportunities for students.

The Foundation actively fundraises to secure the school's future by honouring three core pillars of philanthropy:

1. Heritage and History

Ensuring our rich history is respected, maintained and celebrated.

2. Facilities and Infrastructure

Providing modern and flexible learning environments for students and teachers to challenge and excel.

3. Scholarships

Offering Tower Scholarships to students who aspire and prioritise a quality, independent education.

OUR BEQUEST PROGRAM

A gift in your Will, known as a bequest, provides you with the opportunity to support The Hamilton and Alexandra College once your needs, and those of your loved ones have been met.

A gift in your Will to The Hamilton and Alexandra College Foundation can support the school as a whole, scholarships for students, a building project, a specific academic area or an area of special interest to you. Your generosity will be directed carefully to produce the maximum long-term impact.

When leaving a specific bequest, we encourage that you make yourself known to a member of the Foundation Board or the Community Relations Team to ensure your wishes are honoured and will have your intended impact.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

A bequest is an instruction in your Will to leave a gift (money, property or other asset) to a specific person, organisation or charity.

When making your Will, it is important to seek advice from a solicitor.

The main types include:

- **Residual:** This is the remainder of the estate after every expense and beneficiary has been settled.
- **Percentage:** This is a gift expressed as a percentage of your estate.
- **Specific:** This is a specified gift which can be money, property or stocks and shares.
- **Whole Estate:** This comprises the entire estate and is usually left by those without family or other preferred beneficiaries, or those wanting to achieve something significant with their gift.

For examples of the wording required in your Will, contact the Community Relations Office.



THERE IS NOTHING MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Sarah Edwards, Class of 2012

- Lawyer at Central Australian Women's Legal Service, Alice Springs
- Team leader of the Domestic and Family Violence practice
- Masters Degree in International Human Rights Law

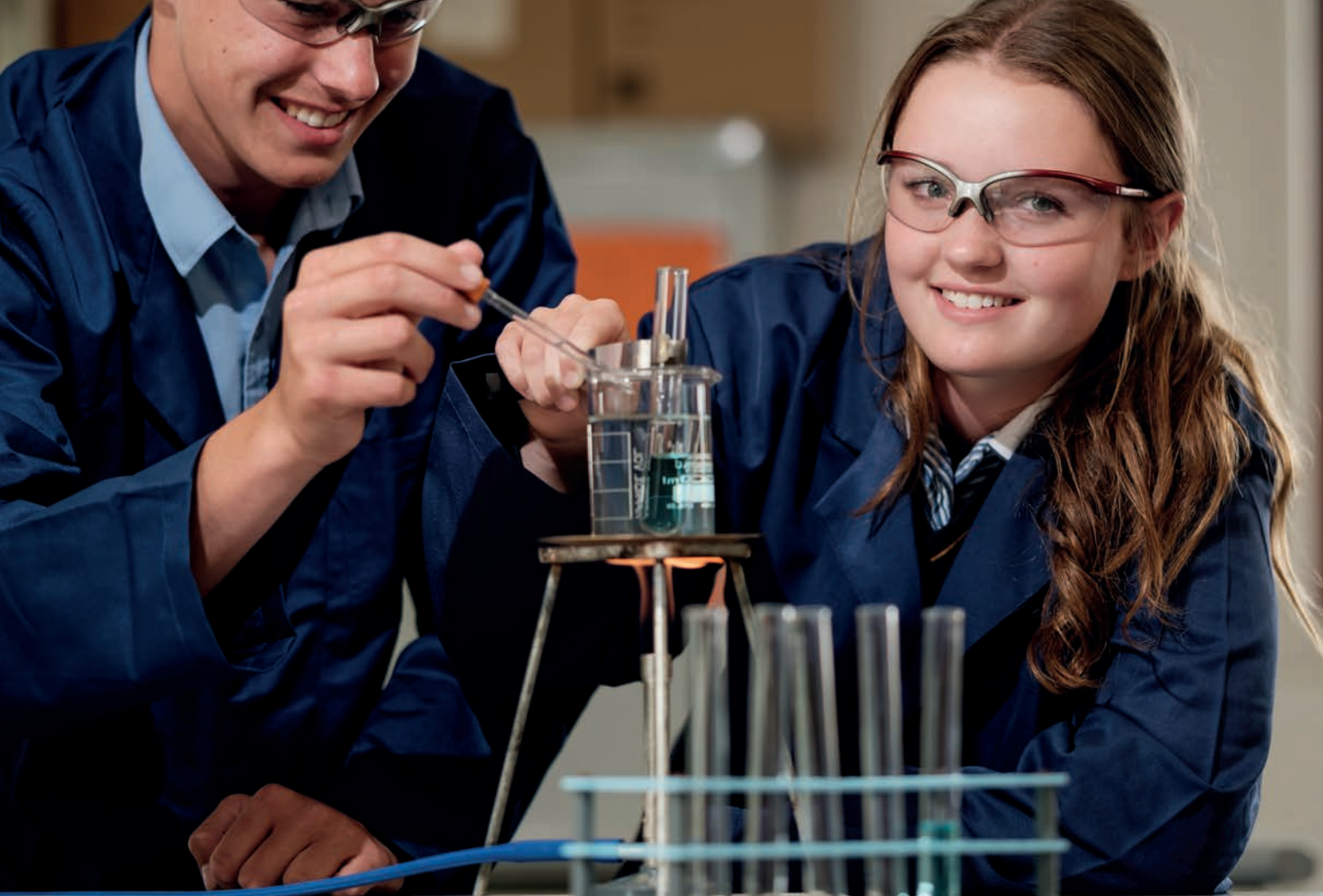
"I still think of my College friends as being some of the smartest people I have ever met, and many of us were reliant on scholarships for our place at the school.

Since leaving The Hamilton and Alexandra College, I have realised how much difference it made to me to be in a school environment where every teacher had plenty of time for me, every class was a safe and engaging space, and every subject I chose was fully developed to maximise my learning.

I honestly think that going to College, where I felt valued and worthy every day, gave me the ability to get through university, to train to be nationally competitive as a rower, and now to appear in court on behalf of victims of domestic violence in remote Central Australia. There is nothing more powerful than providing an education to the children that will use it.

I urge your philanthropic support via the Foundation to give young people a chance to make an impact in this world."





A LASTING IMPACT

A gift in your Will makes a significant difference and leaves a lasting impact on the next generation of students without affecting your present financial circumstances.

It can be a way of saying thank you or giving back, investing in future generations, honouring a loved one or supporting a student in perpetuity.

A bequest can be of any size, it just needs to be meaningful to you.

We recommend that you seek legal and financial advice when writing your Will or adding an amendment (known as a codicil) to your current Will.



CHAUCER SOCIETY

Formed in 2001, the Chaucer Society honours and recognises those who gift The Hamilton and Alexandra College in their Will.

In recognition of your support, you will be invited to join the Chaucer Society and we will keep you informed of College milestones, student and alumni success and provide options to maintain a close link with the school.

If you have already made provision for College in your Will, our warm thanks. We would love to know about it and invite you to join the Chaucer Society. Your willingness to be acknowledged as a member will inspire and encourage others to follow in your footsteps.

Of course, we also welcome and respect bequests made anonymously.

“My long association and genuine love of the College as both a parent and a member of staff has led me to make a bequest to the Foundation and join the Chaucer Society. A bequest is pivotal to ensuring the longevity, security and success of this great school for generations to come. As many say ‘it’s a painless way to give and provides so much for so many’.”

Jen Hutton



OUR CHARTER

At The Hamilton and Alexandra College, we value every member of our community and pride ourselves on preserving and stewarding your wishes.

Ultimately, we are committed to making a difference for all College students and we will work hard to ensure that *your* gift makes a positive impact.

1. VALUE

We value every gift. No matter how large or small, a gift in your Will is precious and deeply valued.

2. RESPECT

We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.

3. APPRECIATE

We appreciate that your family and loved ones will always come first. We encourage you to share your wishes with your family.

4. COMPASSION

We will use your gift carefully and strategically to ensure the greatest impact for the College. We will handle your gift with care, respect and sensitivity.

*Through a culture of giving, we will build upon the extraordinary 150-year history of
The Hamilton and Alexandra College and honour the philanthropic support
of our founders and past community members.*

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks for considering a gift to The Hamilton and Alexandra College Foundation in your Will. Your gift will have a lasting impact on future generations of College students.

If you have finalised your bequest, please contact the Community Relations Office so that we can thank and acknowledge your future gift and welcome you to the Chaucer Society.

For more information, please contact us at any time.

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