



THE  
**HAMILTON**  
AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  

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FOUNDATION



## THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

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 connected community members.



## 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 school's 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.

In 1992, the College's philanthropic Foundation was formed to raise vital funds to support the ongoing development of this incredible school. Today we are passionate about supporting the College through philanthropy, time and expertise. Many people provide support during their lifetime and beyond. I invite you to consider a gift, now or in the future, of any amount that feels significant to you.

A key area of focus for the Foundation is equity scholarships (called Tower Scholarships); providing more opportunities for local students to access the schools specialist teachers and incredible facilities.

As a fourth generation Collegian, I am proud to be involved in the Foundation, as a board member and donor, and working towards safeguarding the future of our incredible school.

One of the greatest contributions you can make for the future generations of College students is the gift of education.

**Penny Adamson**  
Foundation President

# 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."







## HONOURING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE

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 our 150-year history and your support can 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 our students to become well-rounded and confident adults.

**“Our Foundation Board leads strategic philanthropic programs, with the best outcomes for students at the heart of all of its undertakings.**

**The future of the College must be firmly based in the provision of exceptional opportunities for staff and students alike to achieve and lead, wherever their interests lie. Supporting these opportunities through the Foundation is one of the greatest contributions that individuals and families can make; this support is often transformational in the lives of individual students and is crucial to the continued flourishing of The Hamilton and Alexandra College as we seek to be at the forefront of educational thinking and action.”**

**Michael Horne**  
Principal



## CONFIDENT FUTURES PROJECT

'Knowledge and Wisdom' has been The Hamilton and Alexandra College motto since 1872. The new demands of the twenty first century, however, insist that we must also teach students 'to learn how to learn' if they are to successfully embrace the challenges that lie ahead. We measure our success by the 'Confident Futures' of our students.

**In 2022, our 150th year of providing quality education, we proudly launched the Confident Futures Project.**

We aim to develop a great tradition and culture of giving, building upon the shoulders of many who have given so generously over our first 150 years.

Together, our College Staff, the College Board, the College Foundation, the Parents' and Friends' Association and the Old Collegians' Association have joined forces to unify our support for this one project that binds our entire community together.

Working together, we are supporting the priorities of the school and most importantly, the needs of the students now and in the future.

To review the Confident Futures Project prospectus, please go to [www.hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au/foundation](http://www.hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au/foundation)



# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ways to get involved in the Foundation:



Make a gift



Join a committee



Host an event









## 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. Giving is personal for every donor and we invite you to choose what area your funds support.

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.



# INVESTING IN EDUCATION

Every gift no matter the size is deeply appreciated. We invite you to consider giving to College in a way that is meaningful for you and your family.

## Heritage and History

“The Tower Building (est. 1871) and Myrniong Homestead (est. 1910) are the beating heart of the two College campuses. We are the caretakers of over 150 years of history, and we need to preserve this heritage to ensure generations of students can appreciate the beauty for many years to come. A gift to preserve our buildings and celebrate our history is deeply treasured.”

**Neil MacLean**, School Historian

## Facilities and Infrastructure

“It is challenging for schools to provide and continually improve opportunities and facilities by relying solely on Government funding and school fees. Philanthropic support is vital for the growth of our extraordinary College to provide future focused opportunities.”

**Kristen Waldron**, Deputy Principal Wellbeing

## Scholarships

Importantly, College offers two types of scholarships. Ivy Scholarships are based on merit in academia and co-curricular areas. They are funded by the College.

Tower Scholarships designed to support families that prioritise the benefit of receiving a quality education but require financial assistance to make this dream a reality. Tower Scholarships are funded by the Foundation.

We invite our community to make a donation towards a scholarship or alternatively if you wish to fully fund a scholarship, we would love to work with you to establish a scholarship in an area you are passionate about and to name this as an individual, a family or a business.

## 150 Club

In 2022, The Hamilton and Alexandra College celebrated its sesquicentenary anniversary and launched the 150 Club. Funds raised through this philanthropic group are dedicated to Tower Scholarships, supporting students who could not otherwise afford to attend College.

150 Club members donate \$100 per month for three years.

## Bequests

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 can support the College 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. A bequest might comprise a share of an estate, cash, items of personal property or real estate. Bequests will help to secure the future of our College for generations to come, making your legacy last forever.

Formed in 2001, the Chaucer Society honours those who remember the College in their Will. Membership is open to any person who makes a bequest to the school; it is a wonderful community of people that care for the future of College.

## Annual Gift

All community members are invited to give occasional donations at any amount or time that works for you. You are welcome to give to the Foundation Scholarship or Building Funds.

# MEET THE FOUNDATION BOARD

The Foundation Board brings together the skills and expertise of individuals who are committed to securing the school's future and providing a College education to students that could not otherwise afford the opportunity.

All members of the Foundation Board are keenly aware of the benefits that an independent school brings to the region and the service that College provides for local professionals. Members are passionate about the vital role that College plays in supporting the growth and economic development of the region.



## **Penny Adamson (OC 1984) - President**

Penny joined the Foundation Board as President in 2022, and prior to this was on the College Board for four years and is a current parent. Penny is a Licensed Real Estate Agent, specialising in high end residential and lifestyle property sales and marketing strategy throughout South West Victoria.

Penny and her husband Nick are both Old Collegians and their four children are Collegians as well.



## **Hugh Macdonald (OC 1977) – Vice President**

Hugh is an Old Collegian, past parent, Trustee of the Old Collegians and has been on the Foundation Board for over 20 years. Hugh is a primary producer and has been involved in managing and part owning companies, lending and investing in the local regions and has held as governance positions, including chair of Western District Health Service.

The Macdonald family has four generations of history at College and Hugh's mother, Anita, was extensively involved in fundraising to extend the boarding facilities. The girls' boarding house is now aptly called Macdonald House.



## **Basil Brock**

Basil is a past parent and joined the Foundation Board in 2005. He is a Managing Partner and an Accounting and Taxation Principal at a financial firm in Warrnambool. He specialises in professional practices such as medical clinics and legal practices, through to large commercial businesses and farming operations.



## **Marcus Winter Cooke (OC 1978)**

Marcus has been on the Foundation Board since its inception in 1992. An Old Collegian, Marcus attended Hamilton College from Prep to Year 12 and his family has had an ongoing connection with the school since 1965. Marcus is a primary producer, his wife Julia taught at College for 35 years and their three children are Old Collegians.





#### **Bill Crawford (OC 1970)**

Bill is an Old Collegian and past parent. Bill is a primary producer near Dunkeld and has been on the Foundation Board since 2009. Bill's daughter and Old Collegian, Louise, is a teacher at the Junior School and wife Jenny is an active past parent who is a key organiser of the annual College Community Golf Day.



#### **Graeme Linke**

Graeme is a past parent and joined the Foundation Board in 2022. Graeme owns a local real estate and property valuation business and has worked across South West Victoria for over 30 years. He brings great local knowledge and connections with the College community.



#### **Dr Dale Ford**

Dale is a past parent and currently has three grandchildren at College. Dale joined the Foundation Board in 2005. He is a GP at the Hamilton Medical Group, is currently the Chief Medical Officer at Western District Health Service, a Principal Clinical Advisor for the Improvement Foundation Australia, on the Board of Great South Coast Medicare Local and is a designated Aviation Medical Examiner.



#### **Alex Robinson**

Alex joined the Foundation Board in 2022 and is a current parent of two boys who reside at the Boarding House during the week. Alex lives in Warrnambool and is the owner/director of a building materials business in South West Victoria that produces bespoke architectural windows.



#### **Alexander (Sandy) Johnson (OC 1955)**

Sandy is an Old Collegian and lives in Melbourne. He joined the Foundation Board in 2008 and brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences from his career in construction and engineering.



## THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks for considering the gift of education for future generations of College students.

For more information, please contact us at any time.

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