Thanking those who give
In May this year the Xavier Foundation will hold its annual appeal and there are two main areas where your funds can be allocated as determined by you, the donor:

(i) The Ignatius Education Fund.
This fund looks after school scholarships and bursaries. At present Xavier College funds part of these, however the Foundation has been tasked by the Xavier School Council to fund all of these by the year 2020. Every contribution enables us to keep providing the best possible education for our students and for the future generations who would desire that their children might receive an Ignatian education. You may decide to give a single gift or we would encourage you to give a full scholarship to a potential student for their four years at the Senior Campus. Last year the Foundation gave the College $638,000 for scholarships, a wonderful result, however we aim to improve on that sum in this next appeal.

(ii) The Foundation Building Fund.
Under current funding arrangements, Xavier school fees and Government funding (both State and Federal) don't cover the costs of new buildings. We need the Xavier Community to help the Foundation arrive at a position where it can enable Xavier College to upgrade the current buildings and to build new facilities, as determined by the School Council.

Please note:
Gifts to the Ignatius Fund and the Building Fund are fully tax deductable.

The donor brochure this year will also give donors an opportunity to leave a bequest to the Foundation. We would encourage you to contact the Foundation Office for more information about leaving shares, land or money as a bequest. You should seek independent financial and legal advice about all the implications of making such a bequest.

We thank you in anticipation of your generous support

Tony Nunan
Chairman
Xavier College Foundation Ltd

Frank Peck
Chair
Xavier College Council
On 25 March, the Xavier College Foundation was pleased to host the annual Donor and Laurel’s Mass, which was followed by a cocktail function that brought together our community of donors. This occasion is a means of both acknowledging and thanking donors for their contributions to the Xavier College Foundation; it also served to recognise valued members of the Laurel’s Club and Ignation Circle, who have contributed enormously to the growth and success of the college.

To this day, I strongly hold to the belief that for those who have received a great deal, much should be offered in return.”

Dr Stephen Parnis
(CX1986)
For those who attended the Donor and Laurels Mass in late March, one of the highlights was undoubtedly the involvement of the young men of Xavier, the magnificent vocalists and musicians whose voices, musicianship and participation throughout the evening touched the hearts of all who attended. And they provided wonderful examples of excellence in performance to which our young Xaverians may aspire.

The Donor and Laurels Mass is an occasion for us to acknowledge the many members of the Xavier family who support the Foundation's work in accomplishing so much for the College and the students. The Laurels Club members, which is our membership group for people who have advised the Foundation of their intention to make a bequest to the college, were able to gain a clearer idea of the benefit their future donation would bring to the college and to the students in particular.

Guest speaker on the night Dr Stephen Parnis (OX1986), a recipient of the Cody Scholarship in 1982 and currently Vice President of the Australian Medical Association, spoke to the group about what it meant to be a Cody scholarship recipient. His sensitive insight and reflections on the impact and opportunities gaining the Scholarship had given him and how it had enabled him to become “a man for others”, demonstrated to the Ignatius Education Fund donors present, the tangible results of supporting the Xavier Foundation through donations.

If you would like more information on how to become a Laurels Club member by making a gift to the Foundation in your will, please contact Libby Crosthwaite on 03 98154542 or email: foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au
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When John left Xavier he worked for ten years on the family station in the Riverina. During the War he joined the Air Force, trained in Somers and South Australia and finally in England. John and his companions were returning from operations, coming in to land just over their own aerodrome when they were shot down by a marauder plane. Their aircraft crashed to the ground and all were killed, tragically only one month before the end of the war. John and his companions were buried in the regional cemetery at Cambridge.

Not only has the college benefited from the wonderful gift from John and Betty Ryan, the doors to each of the rooms in the Science wing have also been generously donated by various individuals and families associated with Xavier College. The doors depict Jesuits who have left their mark on diverse fields of science. Amongst these and depicted in the photograph above is Jesuit Athanasius Kircher SJ (1602 – 1680). The door is in honour of Kevin Gorman (OX 1938) and made possible by his son James (OX 1976).

This entire science complex is a testament to the wonderful giving nature of our Xaverian Community over time.

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The History of giving at Xavier

Did you Know?

Story by Catherine Hall, College Archivist

One only has to visit the College Campuses to see how much the Foundation has done to help the College. Such is of great importance for the future, to ensure that Xavier continues to produce graduates with the well established Jesuit ethos, and who will act as ‘persons for others’ after leaving”.

Dr John Webb
Foundation Ignatian Circle Patron (OX 1947)
What brought you to Xavier College?
After attending a country school in Warrnambool for my initial schooling, I successfully applied for a Boarding scholarship to Xavier to complete Years 11 and 12. I graduated in 2007. I had heard a lot about Xavier from a school friend who had gone there earlier so this sowed the seeds for me concerning the College.

What were your first impressions?
I remember being ‘blown away’ by the vision of the school as I entered the college for the first time. The sense of history and tradition hits you as soon as you enter. I can particularly recall the warm welcome by the staff and felt particularly encouraged by the conversations I had with the Admissions Director, Di Odgers. The boarding life suited me really well and the welcome I received from the other boys has always been appreciated.
Xavier gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams

Edward Mahony

Former Scholarship Recipient (OX 2007)

Story by John Fox

And how did things start for you in the classroom?
I recall a clear impression of how lessons were conducted at a much faster pace than I was used to. I had a very strong sense that teachers ‘picked you up individually’. At my previous country school sport had loomed large – at Xavier there was more of a balance. The sport was there of course, but getting good marks was highly regarded by my peers. This was helpful for me as I was very keen to excel.

Do you feel you settled in well?
I think that life as a boarder at Xavier gives you an extra dimension: there were twenty four Year 12 boarders and we were a tight knit group; boarders’ sport gave an immediate connection to others; it was more than just life in a day school. There was so much on offer and I ‘jumped into everything’. There were over two hundred in my year level, but the House system and Tutor groups bring you back all the time into smaller groupings. And there was a lot to keep you busy: Boarders’ Football, Tennis, involvement in the Social Justice Network – and the books! The Friday Night School is a strong memory. No matter what group you belonged to at Xavier, people supported each other. It was ingrained in the culture that people supported each other. It did not matter what your preferences were: Drama, Sport, Music and Christian Service – all were regarded as acceptable.
I am a committed supporter of the Xavier Foundation - I really do want to give back to Xavier in gratitude for what I received through gaining a Boarding Scholarship.”
Do you remember any teachers in particular?
I am concerned that if I do mention any that I would leave someone out, but I must make mention of two. Liz Smith taught me Maths in Year 12; her lessons were so focussed: revision was to be done out of the classroom, the classroom was for the rigorous demonstration and mastery of new concepts, topics and problems. The classes had a dynamic that really suited me. Similarly, I must make mention of Angela Riordan, as English was my best VCE result. It was by no means my best subject when I came to Xavier and I attribute my success in English to Angela’s teaching. I had come from a very conservative background and I felt really challenged to be more intellectually critical in Angela’s English classes. There was always terrific banter, but also a seriousness of what we were on about. The class members held both Liz Smith and Angela Riordan in great respect.

What did you do beyond school days?
Firstly I did a Commerce degree at the University of Melbourne. I was a student at Newman College, which enabled me to maintain my Xavier/Jesuit links as about twenty five percent of the Newman men were Old Xaverians; so I felt very much ‘at home’. I was in the first year of the so called ‘Melbourne Model’ of doing an undergraduate degree first and became President of the Students’ Club in my final year. Following my Commerce Degree and a traineeship with Deloitte, I worked with the National Bank; eventually deciding to undertake a Masters of Law. I now find myself as a practising lawyer back in Warrnambool.

Have aspects of Xavier stayed with you?
Well I have remained highly involved in community, a fundamental pillar of Xavier. I have concentrated on two particular projects. Firstly, I have established a ‘pop up’ bar in Warrnambool and twenty per cent of the money raised has gone to a particular charity called “Peter’s Project,” which raises funds to build a local cancer treatment centre. Similarly, I have now expanded this concept to another project in Geelong where a percentage of the profit is donated to a charity called “Ice Fight” to address the effects of the “ice” scourge (methamphetamine).

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Where does the motivation come from?
The motto of “Men for Others” still resonates strongly. At Xavier I felt that there was always a message that it was “selfish not to give”. The service of giving, instilled in me so strongly from my wonderful family and from my days in the Red and Black, has allowed me to value the importance of giving back to society.

I have been fortunate to have won a Young Entrepreneur’s Scholarship and my mentors throughout this program have been the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Doyle and the Mayor of Geelong, Darren Lyons. Both men have been very generous with their time and have continued to provide time to meet me beyond the program parameters.

What links continue with your alma mater?
I am a member of the Old Xaverians’ Committee and still get a bit of a thrill driving up the eucalypt tree-lined drive of Xavier. I am a committed supporter of the Xavier Foundation – I really do want to give back to Xavier in gratitude for what I received through gaining a Boarding Scholarship. I believe that my school results and success at tertiary level was a direct result of the experiences and support that Xavier provided.

Xavier gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams and really focus on what truly matters. My school mates, especially boarding friends, have remained friends to this day. Whilst our studies and career pathways have moved us around Australia and overseas, we all have our annual catch up during the Boxing Day Test.

Do you have any concluding thoughts you would like to convey?
Well I must say that the Xavier connection for me has been maintained beyond my school days – socially, professionally and in business. I will always be grateful to my family who supported me in my wish to come to Xavier and I am so pleased that my family’s connection to the college is to continue through the enrolment of a number of my cousins.

May I just conclude by thanking all those donors who made possible my Scholarship at Xavier. Through their support of the Ignatius Education Fund, I was given an opportunity that might not have otherwise been possible. I am tremendously grateful.
The Xavier College Foundation wishes to thank the generosity of our Old Xaverian community, our current and past parents and the many friends of the college who have supported the foundation in 2014.
The Foundation Donor list acknowledges those donors who supported the school through generous donations made towards the Ignatius Education Fund or the Building Fund during 2014. Those donors who wish to remain anonymous have been acknowledged within the relevant category.
The Ignatius Education Fund (IEF) was established in support of Father Brennan’s vision to ensure that a Jesuit Education remains within the financial reach of as wide a cross-section of the Catholic community as possible.

The Foundation’s aim is to ensure the success and growth of the IEF. To do this we seek on-going support from a large cross-section of the Xavier College Community, if we are to grow the corpus and make annual distributions in order to support students and their education at Xavier.

There is a number of ways to support the IEF whether it be by a donation to our May Annual Appeal, making a bequest or establishing a named bursary or scholarship for a period of time.

Donations of $2 and over to this fund are fully tax deductible and every gift counts. Two other ways you can support the IEF are through Celebration Giving and Memorial Gifts.

**Celebration Giving**

Celebrating a special milestone such as an anniversary, wedding, birthday or sporting achievement deserves to be recognised.

If you are hosting an event you can add special meaning to your celebration by inviting your guests to give a donation to the Xavier College Foundation, in lieu of a gift, to honour your chosen celebration.

If you are not hosting an event but you would like to make a donation on someone else’s behalf to acknowledge their celebration, the Foundation will send them a card acknowledging that a gift has been donated (the actual amount will not be cited) in their name in celebration of their particular event.

Celebration gifts make meaningful presents, they are tax deductible, simple to do and suit all budgets.

**Memorial Gifts**

Another way to give to the Xavier College Foundation and promote education through our scholarship and bursary program, is to suggest donations in lieu of flowers for a funeral.

We can provide special gift envelopes for this purpose. These envelopes can also be used for families, individual, organisations or workplaces wishing to express condolences for a colleague.

When memorial gifts are received by the Xavier College Foundation, a thank you letter and receipt will be sent to each individual donor. At the end of the month the Foundation will notify the next-of-kin (if advised) of the names and addresses of those who have kindly donated and the total amount of donations received (not individual amounts).

“Education should be within the reach of all classes of society.”

Father Peter Brennan SJ, Headmaster of Xavier in the late 1970s

We have inherited beautiful buildings and wonderful sporting facilities so it is imperative that new donors keep coming forward to support the generosity of those who have gone before them, thus keeping alive Father Peter Brennan’s vision of making Xavier an ever better school and accessible to as wide a cross-section of the community as possible”.

Graham Sharp
Former Staff member and Foundation Fellow

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To organise a Celebration gift, set up a memorial program or make regular monthly or quarterly donations
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