St Augustine's College Foundation Charter

Our Purpose
The St Augustine’s College Foundation has been established to secure strong financial support for the future so that the College continues to provide the best possible facilities and opportunities for all students. The role of the St Augustine’s Foundation is to engage the College community to assist the College to maintain, develop and deliver exceptional educational outcomes and assist the development of a fully rounded student through:

- The creation of a steady and reliable stream of gifts and donations by active fundraising to support the Foundation through the following funds:
  - **Foundation Building Fund** for capital works and building development.
  - **Foundation Bursary Fund** to assist students on means-tested bursaries.
  - **Foundation Ancillary Fund** to assist other areas of need at the College at the discretion of the Foundation.
- The provision of a structured and ongoing parent, Old Boy, staff and friends’ network to communicate and engage these groups with the future plans and activities of the College.
- The promotion of effective College community relations.
- The active encouragement of our College community to consider making a bequest to the College.

Our People
The Foundation Committee directs and supports the work of the College Foundation. The committee is represented by College parents, Old Boys and College staff. The Foundation Chairman is Dr Michael Armstrong and the Foundation Patron is former College Principal John O’Brien.

Securing the future of St Augustine’s College
St Augustine’s College has grown from humble beginnings of 65 students in 1956 to a current enrolment of 1,150 boys in Year 5-12. During 2013 the College continues to embrace quality boys’ education, Augustinian spirituality, Social Justice programmes, diverse sporting and co-curricular activities and sophisticated technology. The strong sense of welcome and community that unites students, parents and dedicated staff is a unique feature of the College.

While tuition fees cover a major portion of a boy’s education at St Augustine’s College, fees do not and cannot provide all the funds needed to undertake major building projects and new capital works. The Foundation Building Fund is vital for the provision of any new buildings and facilities.
The Voluntary Building Fund, which is a voluntary contribution when paying the school fees, provides for the ongoing repairs, maintenance and improvements to existing buildings only.

At other times the Foundation will seek philanthropic support for major building developments and campaigns, and this is separate and additional to the Voluntary Building Fund.

**College building development 1956-2002**
The College opened on 7 February 1956. In 1957 the main building was completed and was known later as the Augustine Wing. The original primary school was built in 1963 followed by a new primary building named the Good Counsel in 1995. During the 1970s the Mendel Wing and Tolentine Wing were opened followed by the Goold Wing in 1987.

**Major building developments since 2002**
Recent major building developments at St Augustine’s College that have been funded by the generosity of both current and past parents, along with previous generations of the College community include:

- The Brimson Centre (2003)
- The Lecceto Arts Centre (2005)
- Senior Study Houses - Moran and Cameron House (2008)
- St Mary MacKillop Centre (2009) - Australian Government grant
- Quadrangle and Tolentine Park (2012)
- St Possidius Chalets (2012)

**How you can help**
It is an exciting time at St Augustine’s College as a new Master Plan will soon be announced consisting of a number of major capital works. Gifts and donations are sought to raise funds to support these projects and for the provision of means-tested bursaries. Bursaries are provided to assist those families who would otherwise not be able to afford a St Augustine’s College education.

The Foundation will seek philanthropic support for the ongoing development of the College for the benefit of all our students, both current and future. Gifts of all sizes and amounts can be pledged over several years or given as a single gift. All gifts are gratefully received and acknowledged.

All donations and gifts to the Foundation Building Fund, Bursary Fund and Ancillary Fund are fully **tax-deductible**.

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