Annual Giving 2015
Message from the Director of Community Relations

Cranbrook’s Annual Giving Programme is supported by Old Cranbrookians, parents and friends who are eager to invest in the mission of Cranbrook. This provides support for current and future students, academic programmes and school priorities including areas which are outside the current annual budget.

Since 2000, over 3,500 Cranbrook Alumni and friends have donated more than $3 million to Annual Giving. Thanks to the generosity of these supporters, we are able to offer a vibrant and enriching experience that will transform the lives and aspirations of Cranbrook boys.

Our 2014 Annual Giving raised $307,087 which supported scholarships; refurbishment of the Senior School Library; Wolgan Valley and our new chapel crosses. To all donors we say an enormous thank you.

It was through the generous support of our community that the Foundation was able to award four scholarships for the beginning of 2015. The inaugural Martin Pitt Scholarship has been awarded to the son of an Old Cranbrookian who commenced in Rawson Boarding House in Year 9. Please read Will’s letter to the Head of Boarding further on in this brochure.

A young man from Newcastle was awarded the Matt Street Scholarship into Year 11, Street House. The generous bequest of Warwick Todd OC’54 is supporting a Scholarship which has been awarded to the son of an Old Cranbrookian in Year 10 Rawson House while the newly established Bill Burcher Scholarship is supporting the tuition fees of a boy who commenced in Year 7.

As an Annual Fund donor I get enormous joy knowing that my gift combined with that of many others is supporting today’s Cranbrookians and those of the future. Please join me and other members of the Cranbrook community to ensure that Cranbrook School remains not only one of Australia’s leading independent schools but the first school of choice from boys across Australia and around the world.

Our collective support today will ensure Cranbrook still stands proudly in another 100 years.

Please join me in supporting our 2015 Annual Fund.

Elizabeth Pont
Message from the Headmaster

Annual Giving is a way of ensuring that Cranbrook continues to strengthen its unique offering to boys and young men: we, quite rightly, use fee income to ensure that the day-to-day life of the school is full of educational opportunities for current students. Any surplus is ploughed back into educational activity. We have always cherished benefaction as a means of developing our long-term aims and attaining our strategic goals.

These are exciting times for the school. Interest in us is growing and our Vision and Mission Statements catch not only the spirit of our foundation and traditions but also the specific requirements of our times. The gentle strength of Cranbrook is an antidote to the testosterone-dominated stereotype of boys’ education and offers a healthy, broad and balanced preparation for life, at university and beyond, in the twenty-first century. We prize the qualities valued by employees, friends and families alike: an adherence to unchanged principle to complement the intellectual versatility and personal courage required by the exhilarating pace of change within workplaces in specific terms and society in general.

The most powerful force for good we can apply is great teaching. This is, of course, a truism: we can all recall moments when wonderful teachers made a real difference to us. The determination of the Foundation, therefore, to put teaching at the heart of its fundraising through Annual Giving this year is a matter for celebration. We wish to attract, retain and develop transformational teachers who can illuminate the lives of the young.

We are also committed to the development of our scholarship programme in order to broaden our student community and to enable talented young people from a variety of backgrounds to benefit from a Cranbrook education.

Of course we are aiming for great things in all we do: the Master Plan for Bellevue Hill is emerging and is promising wonderful facilities which will offer both institutional renewal and a magnificent setting for great teaching and enjoyable learning. The support of the Cranbrookian community for the school at this pivotal and ambitious time in its history is, and will continue to be, invaluable. Thank you for thinking of us.

Nicholas Sampson
The following is a letter from Will Andreas the inaugural recipient of the Martin Pitt Scholarship to the Head of Rawson House and Head of Boarding, Mr James Boyd at the end of his first term at Cranbrook. Will is also being supported through the generosity of the Old Cranbrookians’ Association.

Dear Mr Boyd,

During my first term at school, I have realised that Cranbrook students are very different to other guys that you’ll meet. As I walked into my first class of the year (which happened to be Visual Arts) I was feeling a bit nervy. I walked in and I introduced myself to a few people, who straight away invited me to pull up a seat next to them. At this point I realised that guys at Cranbrook were different to others; they were open hearted and open-minded. Throughout the day this same scenario kept occurring both in class and at lunch time. Due to the openness of the students I felt like part of the school community already.

I also realised the drive in education that is embedded into all of the students at Cranbrook. They have constantly pushed themselves to succeed in everything the school offers, not just on the academic side but also the co-curricular and sporting sides. Through being around people with this drive, I have developed the same drive that all others at Cranbrook display.

Boarding has also been something that I have had to adjust to. Leaving your family at home is tough, but moving in to live with complete strangers at a school where you know barely anyone is even tougher. However, after a few weeks I realised that the two were no different; the strangers became friends, and from friends they became family. Boarding for me is one of the most life changing and no doubt one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I now believe that
boarding is one of the best ways for a teenager to figure out who they really are, and I am saying this because a person cannot pretend to be someone they are not when they are around people 24/7, and even if they do people will eventually figure out who they really are.

My first term has held some big adjustments, however all the adjustments I have come across have benefited me in every way. I am looking forward to the years to come at Cranbrook School, and am eager to explore and take on anything that’s thrown my way.

William Andreas

Henry Feng OC’14 was awarded a Cranbrook Academic Scholarship into Year 10 in 2012. He came to Cranbrook from a State High School, quickly embraced life at Cranbrook and strived for excellence in all that he undertook. The school congratulates Henry on all his achievements, the most recent being awarded the prestigious Robertson Scholarship to Duke University in the US.

Commenting on this achievement, Henry said, ‘I would not have achieved the Robertson Scholarship had it not been for the opportunities Cranbrook provided, the academic guidance, support network and the continued motivation and belief in me from my teachers.’

The Cranbrook Foundation awarded four scholarships at the commencement of 2015.

With your support the Foundation will have the ability to offer a greater number of scholarships to worthy young men like Will and Henry in 2016.

Gifts to the Cranbrook Foundation Scholarship Fund are fully tax deductible.
The Cranbrook Foundation Teacher Endowment & Fellowship Programme

Teacher Endowment

Exceptional learning comes from exceptional teachers

It is our aim at Cranbrook not only to retain outstanding teachers but for Cranbrook to be the school of choice for exceptional teachers.

To be a world class school which encourages and enables all of our students to explore, enjoy and fulfil their potential we must always be on the pursuit for exceptional teachers.

At Cranbrook we not only want to attract the best teachers, we want to provide opportunities for our present teachers to broaden their horizons, explore the diversities of pedagogy and consider exploring post graduate opportunities.

We also want to give teachers from other schools both within and beyond Australia the opportunity of teaching at Cranbrook – to share their knowledge and experience with our boys and our teachers. The opportunity for a Cranbrook teacher exchange to a school from overseas or exchange with an Indigenous teacher from Central Australia – the opportunities are unlimited and the wealth of learning boundless.

At Cranbrook we want our teachers to explore the world, explore exceptional teaching practice and return inspired to share their knowledge with boys and their colleagues.
Visiting Fellows Programme

The newly created Year 12 College has been an inspiration to boys and teachers. Located in the Cranbrook Building the facility was made possible through philanthropic support. It is now the Foundation’s desire to continue to support the College programme by establishing a Visiting Fellows Programme. Outstanding academics, business people and others who have reached the pinnacle of their profession will be invited to work with the boys holding lunch time and evening presentations.

To ensure the success of this programme an initial corpus of $100,000 will be required. Naming opportunities for both the Teacher Endowment and the Visiting Fellows Programme is encouraged. Please contact Elizabeth Pont, Director, Cranbrook Foundation epont@cranbrook.nsw.edu.au or 9327 9409.

All that we do at Cranbrook is grounded in the belief that education is the most pressing issue of our time and that research-based education and practice have the power to create a more just and prosperous society.

The Cranbrook Foundation has pledged to match dollar for dollar all gifts ascribed to the Cranbrook Foundation Teacher Endowment and Visiting Fellows Programme.

Gifts to both the above initiatives do not attract tax deductibility in Australia. For people with a tax liability in the United States tax deductible gifts can be directed though the Australian Independent Schools’ USA Foundation www.aisusafoundation.com of which Cranbrook is an affiliated member.
Message from the Foundation Chairman

Within our legacy lies our future
It is the generosity of our past, present and future donors that allows Cranbrook to thrive as one of Australia’s leading boys’ schools. Annual Giving encourages alumni, parents and friends to consider the impact their gift has on our school and the boys we serve.

This year we are seeking the support of our community in two major areas; Student Scholarships and the Foundation’s newly established Teacher Endowment Programme.

In any given year, Cranbrook’s Annual Giving programme provides approximately 1% of the school’s operating budget. It is the Foundation’s goal over the next 10 years to grow the Annual Fund so it ultimately provides 10% of the school’s annual budget.

At Cranbrook we set our fee level at break-even after incorporating salaries, facility maintenance and other general school running costs. To grow, to improve our facilities and to grant scholarships we rely on philanthropic support.

As we move toward Cranbrook’s Centenary in 2018 the Foundation is working closely with the Headmaster and School Council in planning strategies which will support the re-development of the Bellevue Hill campus. Cranbrook boys receive an outstanding all round education: it is the Foundation’s role to support the boys and their teachers with modern teaching and learning facilities. We are mindful intelligent eager young men will succeed when taught by outstanding teachers in any built environment – it is now our responsibility to ensure that their facilities match their eagerness and the brilliance of their teachers.

One Old Cranbrookian, a regular Annual Fund donor wrote recently, ‘My father always taught me to give back to the people and places that made me the person I am today. Cranbrook was one of the most influential to me during my teenage years and assisted me get to where I am today.’ The Foundation receives many similar stories from Old Cranbrookians who were recipients of scholarships.

Please revisit Will Andreas’ letter in this brochure – it is inspiring and typical of past and present Cranbrookians who have been awarded the opportunity of a Cranbrook education.

We look forward to your support.

Warwick Negus
Thank you, I would like to be a part of Cranbrook School’s tradition of giving.

**Please accept my gift of:**

- $50
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**Please direct my gift to the following:**

- The Martin Pitt Scholarship – cheque payable to Cranbrook Scholarship Fund
- Matt Street Scholarship – cheque payable to Cranbrook Scholarship Fund
- Indigenous Scholarship – cheque payable to Cranbrook Scholarship Fund
- OCA Scholarship – cheque payable to Old Cranbrookians Scholarship Pty Ltd
- Teacher Endowment – cheque payable to Cranbrook Foundation*
- Visiting Fellows Programme – cheque payable to Cranbrook Foundation*
- At the Headmaster’s Discretion – cheque payable to Cranbrook Building Fund

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- Old Cranbrookian – Yr of leaving _________ Yr level _________
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Please record gift in published list of donors in the name(s): (eg Dr/Mr & Mrs J Smith)

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- I have made arrangements to include Cranbrook School in my Will.
- I would like more information about establishing a scholarship at Cranbrook School.

Please return to (using the enclosed envelope):

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5 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill, NSW 2023, fax to (02) 9362 8542 or visit www.cranbrook.nsw.edu.au

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At Cranbrook there will always be new challenges to meet and new dreams to realise.
Your gift today will ensure a Cranbrook boy’s future tomorrow.
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