“It’s time we realised how lucky we truly are to be privileged enough to attend MLC. It’s time we realised everything this school has given us. But most importantly, it’s now time for us to wake up and make a positive difference to enable future generations to share the same experiences that we are fortunate enough to be given every single day. For if we do not, who will?”

SERENA ENG, MLC YEAR 12 HEAD GIRL
OUR PURPOSE

The College needs the support of the MLC community to ensure they can continue to offer the same levels of excellence experienced today to the future students, namely our children’s children.

Tuition fees alone will not secure the long-term future of MLC. The College facilities that exist today were achieved through the generosity and foresight of past and present MLC community members. In essence, tuition fees pay only for operational costs and any provision for scholarship opportunities and capital expenditure must come from the generosity of the wider community.

This is why MLC Foundation exists.

The MLC Foundation provides a valuable opportunity to role model philanthropic activity from a familial perspective. Community engagement in raising funds is one of the central aims of the Foundation’s objectives. The MLC Foundation recognises the importance of a united philanthropic approach among the College community and proudly provides an annual donation to the College Support Groups.

Supporting MLC enables us to:

- Empower the next generation of bold thinkers, creative doers, and global citizens
- Honour our founder’s legacy of innovative initiatives on behalf of our girls
- Drive the next iteration of translating MLC’s vision into practice
- Guarantee that the girls who go to MLC today will experience MLC just as generations before them have
- Ensure our girls will leave MLC inspired and prepared for life

With a united philanthropic approach we can achieve this.
PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

2014 was another exceptional year of gracious generosity and support from the MLC community for the College. I am constantly reminded of how very fortunate the College is to have a unique partnership of support from a benevolent community and a dependable and dynamic Foundation Board. Our College is truly blessed.

As we continue to strive for the heights and position MLC as an internationally renowned leader in learning, the Foundation’s tangible support is integral to this process. The Foundation played a significant role in assisting the College achieve many important initiatives and innovations throughout 2014.

Of particular note was the introduction of the Foundation Future Levy to support an endowment to allow the Foundation to establish an intergenerational source of independent income. The Foundation was also instrumental to the introduction of new Scholarship opportunities for the College, namely, the Regional Boarding Scholarship, the MLC Shell Australia Regional Science Scholarship and two SAS Resources Fund Scholarships. Without the support of the Foundation, these Scholarships would not have come to fruition.

A major highlight in 2014 was of course the spectacular success of the inaugural MLC Gala Dinner held at Winthrop Hall on the evening of 17 May 2014. The success of which far exceeded everyone’s expectations both from a fundraising and event perspective. Tickets for the 2016 Gala are already awaited eagerly!

Another key initiative in 2014 was the commencement of our Boarding House Transformation. In line with MLC’s Preferred Educational Model (PEM) and its ideology, the boarding refurbishment optimises a boutique style of residential care with the “College Homestead” theme. Significant improvements for boarding have been a long time in the planning. Ambitious plans such as these could not be realised without the selfless support of donors to the MLC Foundation. Our Boarding Transformation has only been possible due to the incredible generosity of benefactors.

The generosity of parents and grandparents, Collegians and the wider community has made an incredible difference to MLC students, past, present and future. An MLC education is varied and holistic, and aims to allow for each individual to thrive. Ultimately, a College that commits to a holistic education for its girls must be supported by a holistic approach to philanthropy through fundraising campaigns, bequests and the support of scholarships.

On behalf of the students of MLC I would like to thank the MLC Foundation for all that it has achieved this year. It is the continued support of the Foundation that will ensure the reputation of MLC remains strong, opening doors to future education and career opportunities, while shaping friendships that will last a lifetime. Every dollar generously given to MLC will provide generations of girls and young women with an education that prepares them to successfully enter the world as tomorrow’s achievers and leaders.

I anticipate another bright and brilliant year of working with the Foundation again in 2015.

REBECCA CODY (MS) PRINCIPAL
CHAIR OF FOUNDATION’S MESSAGE

On 17 May 2014, the MLC Foundation hosted the inaugural MLC Gala Dinner. The response was overwhelming and we received fantastic support from the MLC community through both ticket sales and sponsorships.

The Gala was a great success. Generosity on the night, coupled with the event sponsors providing a superb array of auction items, resulted in excess of $80,000 being raised for MLC Support Groups and the MLC Foundation. This event not only provided a solid financial return for the Foundation and Support Groups of MLC, but also a chance to celebrate and come together as one community.

At a strategy session held in September 2014, the Board and Sub-Committee members articulated the Foundation’s objectives to be as follows:

- To support the development of a culture of philanthropy at MLC
- To create an intergenerational source of independent income
- To support and sustain uninterrupted philanthropic programmes
- To receive $1,000,000 in donated funding annually within 3 years
- To aspire to $1,000,000 annual spending contribution to the College by 2020.

Our aim is to inspire the community to support the College’s educational objectives according to their capacity through gifts of time, skill and/or financially.

A number of Investment Committee workshops were also held during 2014. These were instrumental in developing philosophy around investment management. These workshops also provided the basis for reviewing and updating the MLC Foundation Investment Policy Statement.

Throughout 2014 significant progress has also been achieved with the development of two new fundraising opportunities for the MLC Foundation, The MLC Tuition Raffle and The Circle of Success. The raffle was launched in October 2014 and drawn at the Sunset on the Green in February 2015 where the Circle of Success was also launched.

There has been an emphasis on recruitment of dedicated Development staff and new members to the Foundation Board and various committees throughout 2014. In December 2014, Lauren Major commenced as the Director of Development to complete the team.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all contributors to the MLC Foundation. The MLC community is very generous in all their gifts, including time and energy to support the College through various committees and community based activities. This continued commitment and dedication is greatly valued.

I look forward to continuing our journey together as we continue to develop an open culture of philanthropy at MLC.

MR JAMES MCCLEMENTS
CHAIR, MLC FOUNDATION
THE BOARD

The MLC Foundation is overseen by a dedicated and committed Board that governs through a transparent and sustainable business model.

James McClements (Chair)
James is the Managing Partner of Resource Capital Funds. James and his wife, Meredith have one daughter at MLC completing Year 11 in 2014 and one daughter who is an MLC Collegian. Their daughters are 4th generation MLC attendees.

Cathryn Carver
Cathryn is the Senior Managing Director of International and Institutional Banking at ANZ. Cathryn and her husband, Angus have a daughter at MLC completing Year 8 in 2014.

Rachel Pritchard
Rachel is a Chartered Accountant and a Principal specialising in taxation advice at Cooper Partners. Rachel and her husband, Geoff have two daughters at MLC completing Years 10 and 7 in 2014.

Lorica Storey
Lorica is a Director at Biolectric Pty Ltd and was the Director of Corporate Services at MLC from 2008 to 2011.

Nick Brasington
Nick is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the PwC Global Assurance Leadership Executive. Nick and his wife, Leigh have two daughters at MLC completing Years 12 and 10 in 2014.

Penny Flett
Penny is the Chair of MLC Council and CEO of Brightwater Group. She is also Pro-Chancellor at UWA, Chair of the WA Aged Care Advisory Council and Chair of the Bravery Decorations Award Council.

Cliff Rocke
Cliff is a Chartered Accountant and a Partner at KordaMentha. Cliff and his wife, Helen have one daughter at MLC completing Year 5 in 2014 and two daughters who are MLC Collegians.

Rebecca Cody (Ms)
Rebecca is the Principal of MLC. Rebecca and her husband, Simon are blessed with a son and one daughter who will be commencing Pre-Kindy at MLC in 2015.

The following Board Members resigned at the end of 2014:

Craig Colvin SC
Craig is a Barrister at Francis Burt Chambers and President of the WA Bar Association. Craig and his wife, Lyn have one daughter at MLC completing Year 8 in 2014 and two daughters who are MLC Collegians.

Elaine Ma
Elaine is a creative producer at Paul Ma Design and an MLC Collegian. Elaine and her husband Paul have two twin daughters at MLC completing Year 10 in 2014.

The MLC Foundation would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank both Craig and Elaine for their significant contribution to the Foundation during their time as Board Members. Their valued advice and guidance will be greatly missed and we look forward to their continued association with MLC through the many other avenues in which they are involved with the School.
THE AMBASSADORS

The MLC Foundation is again fortunate to have garnered the support and backing in 2014 of the following influential and well-connected group of Ambassadors.

David Flanagan  
Chairman of Atlas Iron Limited

R.H. Lisa Scaffidi  
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor

Valerie Davies  
Director of One.2.One Communications Pty Ltd

Hon. Richard Court  
Former Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia

Dr Dongyi Hua  
Executive Chairman and CEO, VDM Group Limited

It is with great pleasure that the Foundation announced the appointment of Dr Dongyi Hua, PhD as a Foundation Ambassador during 2014.

Dr Hua is the Executive Chairman & CEO of VDM Group Limited. He was appointed to the Board of Management of the VDM Group in August 2013, a month later he was appointed the Managing Director and in November 2013 took on the role as Executive Chairman & CEO.

During the past 20 years, Dr Hua has held executive management positions on international projects in the People’s Republic of China, Asia, Middle East and Africa. He has experience in project management (FIDIC), contract management, cost and risk management. Dr Hua holds a Doctorate of Engineering from the China University of Geosciences.

We are privileged to have such a diverse and prominent group of MLC advocates out in the community actively promoting MLC at every opportunity. The MLC Foundation wishes to thank the Foundation Ambassadors for their continued support and assistance throughout 2014.
THE SUB-COMMITTEES

It gives us great pleasure to introduce the members of the MLC Foundation Sub-Committees and their vision statements.

The Sub-Committees also comprise Board members who previously provided their vision statements in the 2013 Annual Report.

AUDIT RISK & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (AR&CC)

The AR&CC's work in 2014 included governance and compliance resulting from the adoption of the new constitution and review of policies. 2014 has seen a number of opportunities for the Foundation and the AR&CC reviewed proposed agreements to ensure compliance and accuracy of information and ensure that the agreements were in the interests of the Foundation and College.

Lorica Storey (Chair)
Rachel Pritchard
Cliff Rocke
Craig Colvin
(retired in Dec 2014)

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (DC)

The DC was re-formed in 2014 with Loretta van Merwyk taking on the role as Chair. The DC focussed on fundraising activities of the Foundation to ensure alignment with the objectives of the Foundation and College. The DC provides the link between the Foundation and the MLC community to help communicate the Foundation’s vision and values. They were also instrumental in developing the Foundation’s key messaging.

Loretta van Merwyk (Chair)
My vision is that the MLC community fully embrace philanthropy, so that the potential and the aspirations of the College can be fully realized.

Amanda Cox
I am passionate about education and being a member of the Development Committee has given me the opportunity to be part of MLC’s philanthropic visions and directives. I am the General Manager of an Information Technology company and have an extensive background in Information Management at a strategic level.

Andree Megson
I believe MLC is an amazing community and I am lucky to be part of this community and the Development Committee. Together we can all help MLC develop and reach their academic and strategic goals. As Director of a marketing, public relations and philanthropy consultancy, I have extensive experience in communication and development strategies and implementation.

David Minns
My vision for the MLC Foundation is to empower the MLC community, both past, present, and future, with a legacy of philanthropic integrity, congruent with the College’s values, which provides financial and emotional support to allow our girls of MLC to achieve their best.

Bronwyn Rasmussen
My vision is that together we can work with the wider MLC community to support the College financially and develop a culture of giving that allows our current students to begin their philanthropic journey.
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (IC)

The Investment / Fund Manager role was put out to tender in 2014 and the IC took care reviewing and negotiating with those companies that put forward proposals. The tender was awarded to NWQ Capital. The transition process was finalised at the end of 2014. The IC was delighted to appoint Kelvin Flynn, Leanda Visagie and John Klepec as new members of the IC during 2014.

Geoff Pritchard (Chair)
My vision is that the Foundation becomes a sustainable gifting avenue that is a financial representation of the energy, skills, resourcefulness and passion of all key stakeholders at the school to enable the students and future female leaders in our community to have the financial support to reach their full potential.

Kelvin Flynn
My vision is that together we can significantly improve philanthropic culture and develop a 'best in class' endowment generating strong and stable long-term financial returns to support the educational, school infrastructure and scholarship programmes for future MLC generations.

John Klepec
My vision is that the MLC Foundation can sustainably fund identified and future beneficial initiatives that are beyond the capacity of the existing MLC funding sources.

Leanda Visagie
My vision is that the MLC Foundation is to be exactly that — the “foundation” of a spirit of purposeful community and sharing, enabling independent resources and funding to be directed towards significantly impacting MLC’s mission of a purposeful future for not only our girls, but generations of girls to come.

James McClements

PROSPERITY COMMITTEE (PC)

The Prosperity Committee continued to identify and build trusted relationships with individuals and corporate partners who provide significant support for the College.

James McClements (Chair)
Nick Brasington
Cathryn Carver
Cliff Rocke
THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Given the financial goals the Foundation has set itself and the needs of the school, it is imperative that we invest in a Development Office with the required skills and experience necessary to meet the Foundation’s goals and vision. The payoff from this investment will be apparent in the growth of the Foundation over the coming years and the support the Foundation can provide to realise MLC’s recently announced Towards 2025 strategy.

The Foundation continued to focus on recruitment in 2014 to form a Development Office to undertake the necessary fundraising activities. The Development Office was completed in December 2014 with the appointment of Lauren Major as the full-time Director of Development joining Cath Woodley and Robin Ashton who both commenced in February / March 2014 as part-time Development Associates.

Peter O’Sullivan
Director of Corporate Services
Peter is a Certified Practising Accountant and has extensive experience in education, charitable and commercial organisations. As a member of the Development Team, Peter is responsible for ensuring financial and governance compliance. He is an attendee of the Foundation Board and also sits on the Foundation Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee, Investment Committee and Prosperity Committee.

Lauren Major
Director of Development
Lauren joined the Development team in December 2014. Lauren will have responsibility for implementing the MLC Foundation business plan in accordance with the Vision and Values of the College. Lauren will monitor and evaluate all fundraising activities to ensure that goals are met and identify and develop community, corporate and individual opportunities to support the Foundation’s fundraising priorities.

Catherine (Cath) Woodley
Development Associate
Cath commenced with the Development Team in a part-time capacity in February 2014 and immediately supported the inaugural MLC Gala organising committee by securing sponsorship and auction items. Cath is responsible for liaising with the College in relation to the Synergetic database and has engaged a new Development Committee who have built upon the previous committee’s input and made a significant contribution to the Foundation in terms of messaging and event support.

Robin Ashton
Development Associate
Robin joined the Development Team in March 2014 on a part-time basis to assist with fundraising programmes and initiatives. She is also responsible for management of the MLC Foundation statutory records and requirements, including Board meetings and papers for both the MLC Foundation and its sub-committees.

The Foundation wishes to thank and acknowledge ....

Vicki Rasmussen
Consultant, Xponential
Vicki is an experienced philanthropic fundraising consultant who was engaged by the Foundation to assist the Board and staff with creating sustainable philanthropic programmes and culture. Vicki carried out the role as acting Director of Development until a suitable candidate was recruited and provided exceptional advice and guidance during this time. In December, Vicki and Lauren commenced the transition process to effect an appropriate handover. The MLC Foundation Board and staff wish to acknowledge and thank Vicki for her dedicated assistance and trusted guidance throughout her time with the Foundation and look forward to a continued association.

Tamara Kilian
Development Co-ordinator
Tamara was responsible for the management and coordination of the Foundation’s key events for the past three years. Going forward Tamara will be working with the College in communications which is where her passion lies. Tamara has always been extremely helpful and an integral team member and her efficient and trusted work ethics will be greatly missed by the Foundation. The MLC Foundation Board and staff wish to acknowledge and thank Tamara for her loyal and unfailingly professional service to the Foundation. We look forward to continuing our association through her work with the MLC communications team.
NEW CONSTITUTION

After an extensive process of review, constitutional changes were introduced for the MLC Foundation in order to establish a degree of independence between the Foundation and the College. The New Constitution was adopted and passed at a Special General Meeting held on 28 April 2014. The key reasons for the constitutional changes were:

- to clearly separate fundraising activities of the Foundation from those of College Council and to provide assurance to donors seeking to provide funds on a capital preserved basis to benefit the College over the long term or to fund scholarships. It allowed for appropriate arrangements to be put in place to ensure that funds are invested and dealt with in accordance with the intentions of the donor;
- to change the name to MLC Foundation (Inc); and
- to form the group of Trustee Members to exercise the rights and responsibilities of membership of an incorporated association.

The MLC Foundation would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Craig Colvin for his valuable guidance and assistance in orchestrating these constitutional changes. The introduction and implementation of the changes would not have taken place so seamlessly without Craig’s wise counsel and leadership.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Whereas, in the past, the College Council appointed the members of the Board of the Foundation, that responsibility now falls to Trustee Members. The Board of the Foundation ultimately will be accountable to the Trustee Members who will be the only individuals entitled to attend and vote in person or via proxy at the AGM and any special general meetings. Therefore, it is important that the Trustee Members be independent and able to act, where necessary, in the interests of the Foundation (which is ultimately established to provide financial support for the College).

The Trustees comprise 8 members in total made up of 4 Foundation nominated Trustees and 4 Council nominated Trustees. The 4 Foundation Trustees are:

James McClements  
Managing Partner, Resource Capital Funds

Meredith Campion  
Partner, Allen & Overy

Felicity Zempilas  
Magistrate, Magistrates Court of Western Australia

Lindy Jenkins  
Judge, Supreme Court of Western Australia

The 4 Council Trustees are:

Craig Colvin  
Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers

Carol Dolan  
Actuary and Risk Management Professional

Prudence Honey  
Director, Honey & Honey

Grant Robinson  
Partner, KPMG
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2014

The MLC Foundation is a not-for-profit, charitable institution incorporated under the Association’s Incorporation Act.

The financial reporting period for the Foundation runs from 1 January to 31 December. The table below reflects the financial performance during 2014.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2014

The following graphs represent the categories of Income and Expenditure:

**MLC FOUNDATION INCOME 2014**

- **Foundation Future Levy** 23%
- **Donations** 54%
- **Fundraising Income** 16%
- **Portfolio Returns** 7%

**MLC FOUNDATION EXPENSES 2014**

- **Philanthropic Development** 49%
- **Fundraising Expenses** 39%
- **Professional Fees** 9%
- **Audit Fees, Bank and Misc. charges** 3%

Income

- The Foundation Future Levy was introduced in 2014.
- Portfolio Returns include distributions from funds under management and the net change in fair value of available-for-sale.
- Donations include direct donations and fundraising from events.

Expenditure

- Professional Fees are management fees charged by the portfolio manager.
- Philanthropic Development includes staffing costs and administration support costs.
- Fundraising expenses include costs associated with fundraising campaigns and events.

Growth of the Foundation’s corpus of funds is achieved as a result of voluntary donations, including annual giving, bequests and sponsorships, along with the introduction of the Foundation Future Levy in 2014. The Foundation is also charged with the responsibility for the management and investment of these funds in accordance with prudential accounting, financial advisory and legal standards, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Foundation for the benefit of the College.

**Investment Goal & Objectives**

The overall investment objective of the Foundation is to generate net growth of the total Foundation portfolios over the long-term. It is guided by the following key principles:

(a) There is a primary preference to achieve reasonable real growth of the Funds.

(b) The Foundation values capital preservation and places a strong emphasis on mitigating downside investment volatility.

(c) Assets should be allocated and managed in a way that provides sensible diversification across asset classes and by investment process.

(d) Cost is important, but net investment outcome is more important.

(e) The investment process should emphasise absolute return or “cash plus”/“inflation plus” outcomes.
STRATEGY AND FUNDRAISING TARGETS TO 2020

THE STRATEGY

The MLC Foundation was established to assist the College to strengthen its educational reputation and support the School’s vision and values. This continues to be achieved through a close alignment with the College’s Strategic Plan, and the provision of funds for the development of facilities, scholarships and strategic initiatives.

Why give to The MLC Foundation?

Tuition fees alone will not secure the long-term future of MLC.

The following graphs illustrate the School’s annual income and expenditure.

MLC INCOME 2014

- Other Income 4%
- Federal & State Government subsidy 17%
- Tuition income 79%

MLC EXPENDITURE 2014

- Operating Costs 8%
- Tuition Resources 4%
- Information & Learning Technology 2%
- Maintenance 3%
- Boarding Services 3%
- Depreciation & Interest 8%
- Salaries 72%

The exceptional College facilities that exist today were achieved through the generosity and foresight of past and present MLC community members. In essence, tuition fees pay only for operational costs and any provision for scholarship opportunities and capital expenditure must come from the generosity of the wider community.

The Foundation relies on the philanthropic assistance of the wider College community and values greatly its many generous supporters. Some recent achievements, made possible by generous contributions from the MLC community, include the construction of the Middle Years’ building (opened in 2009) and the Meredith Taylor Health and Sports Centre (opened in 2010).
There are many ways to support the Foundation through:

**The Scholarship Fund**
MLC has a proud academic tradition which is supported by the provision of scholarships. Exceptional academic performance ensures MLC attracts high-calibre students and staff. Scholarships are awarded for academic and musical excellence and diversity and take into account the potential of the recipient to commit to the College through their participation in the life of our School and the co-curricular programme.

**MLC Building Fund**
The College’s Strategic Plan guides campus development. Such development is enabled by community contributions to the Foundation. Continuous improvement of College facilities allows our students to thrive in their learning environment and is influential in attracting enrolments. This in turn supports the financial prosperity of MLC.

Donations over $2 to the Building or Scholarship Funds are tax deductible.

**Endowment Fund**
The MLC Foundation Endowment Fund is building an intergenerational source of independent income to benefit current and future students at MLC. This corpus of funds is achieved through community donations and the annual Foundation Future Levy.

**Bequests**
The MLC Foundation offers bequests as a way to donate to the College. Bequests can be made in a variety of ways to reflect the donor’s wishes. A bequest to MLC is a wonderful way to help the College community into the future.

There are many worthwhile projects and funds that the School delivers and your contribution, no matter how large or small, plays a vital role in assisting us to meet the challenges we face both today and in the future. Whether you choose to support the Building Fund, Scholarship Fund or Bequest programme, we value your commitment to maintaining MLC’s high standard of all-round excellence in the education of our girls.

If you would like to make a gift of shares or property, or via Workplace Giving or a Private Ancillary Fund please contact Lauren Major, Director of Development, lmajor@mlc.wa.edu.au · (08) 9383 8858.
SCHOLARSHIPS

The College’s philosophy is to attract and support students drawn to MLC because of the special qualities of education and community life that we offer. The College offers Scholarships to strengthen and enrich the diversity of our student community.

In 2014, the College offered in excess of 54 Scholarships at a cost to the College of $770,000. It is the Foundation’s intention to create an intergenerational independent source of income to assist the College with funding Scholarships.

There are two types of scholarships offered by the College. The first supports academic excellence and the other offers the opportunity of an MLC education where it may otherwise be out of reach. Scholarship holders benefit the College’s aims of excellency, diversity and equity in education.

SASRF / MLC Scholarships

In November 2014, the Foundation and the College entered into two Scholarship agreements with the SAS Resources Fund (“SASRF”). The SASRF provides relief to current and former members of SAS Regiment and their dependants and the security in knowing their families will be provided for in times of need if they are killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. It was originally established following the 1996 Blackhawk helicopter tragedy in Townsville, Queensland where 18 Soldiers lost their lives during a training exercise. 15 of those 18 Soldiers were from the SAS Regiment.

The SASRF were seeking to establish appropriate educational arrangements for children of deceased or severely injured members of the SAS Regiment and approached MLC with a perpetual scholarship concept. MLC were very honoured to be approached by the SASRF with the concept and had no hesitation in furthering the discussions. The purpose of these Scholarships perfectly aligned with the values of the Foundation and the School and was an excellent way for MLC to give to the Western Australian Community.

Each Scholarship is for one girl at a time to attend the College for the final 6 years of education at the College. The Scholarships are fully funded by the Foundation and the SASRF each donating $200,000 to cover 50% of the tuition fees with the College providing the remaining 50%. The combined funds from the Foundation and the SASRF are to be set aside as a fund to finance the Scholarships should the need arise in the future. The intent is to increase the fund over time so that it is sufficient to support perpetual Scholarships. The Foundation is pleased to offer opportunities to the MLC community to donate to the SASRF Scholarships in order to reach perpetuity in the near future.

The Scholarships have been named:

The Paul Harold Denehey Scholarship

The Scholarship is named in honour of Paul Harold Denehey who was born in January 1944 and joined the Australian Army in February 1962. Lance Corporal Paul Harold Denehey was the first soldier from SASR killed on active service in Sabah Borneo on 6 June 1965.

The William Charles Colin Brown Scholarship

The Scholarship is in honour of a MLC family’s great grandfather, William Charles Colin Brown who was born in October 1896 and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in September 1916 at the age of 19 years. He served in Belgium and France during the Great War before his discharge from the army in 1919. He spent the remainder of his life helping returned servicemen who faced financial, mental and physical hardship, especially during the Great Depression.

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to sincerely acknowledge and thank Nick Brasington for his thoughtful ingenuity and sagacity with respect to this matter.
Shell Australia Regional Science Scholarship
The College and Shell Australia entered into a partnership to profile Science as a creative and innovative pursuit through a Scholarship programme for girls in regional communities. Shell committed a financial contribution over six years to fund four Scholarships to support girls who demonstrate exceptional talent in Maths and/or Science as well as a desire to achieve at a high level of excellence. The Scholarship is 100% funded through Shell contributing the tuition component of the Scholarship and the Foundation matching this contribution by funding the Boarding component. Sara Foster was the first MLC Shell Australia Regional Science Scholarship recipient and commenced Year 10 at MLC in 2014. The scholarship supports Sara’s education through years 10, 11 and 12.

A Scholarship will continue to be offered each year in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The 2015 Scholarship has been awarded to Mikayla Parkin from Dowerin.

Regional Boarding Scholarship
The Regional Boarding Scholarship programme commenced in 2014 to offer girls in regional communities the opportunity to access the benefits of an MLC education. The College has a long history of involvement with the Western Australian rural communities and sees many benefits for all involved to continue to develop and build the interaction. The introduction of this programme ensures the continuation and development of the relationships. The Scholarships provide 100% of the Boarding Fee for Years 10, 11 and 12. The recipients who commenced in 2014 were Tegan Gibson from Albany, Asha McFarlane from Doodlakine, Cyra Park from Kojonup and Grace Maddams from Boyup Brook. Caitlin Atherton, also from Boyup Brook, will begin in 2015.

The 2015 recipients are Eleanor Brotherton from Esperance, Emma Koster from Kojonup, Jessie Mackie from Boyup Brook, Shay O’Neill from Narrogin, Alexia Ndawana from Dalwallinu, Rachel Wilson from Dunsborough and Amy De Goumois from Falcon.

Donations to the MLC Foundation Scholarship Fund contribute to the Regional Boarding Scholarship Programme, SASRF Scholarships and various other academic, music and rural scholarships. If you would like to find out more about contributing to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Lauren Major, Director of Development, lmajor@mlc.wa.edu.au - (08) 9383 8858.
THE 2014 MLC GALA

The generosity of parents and grandparents, Collegians and the wider community has made an incredible difference to MLC students, past, present and future.

The MLC Foundation hosted the inaugural MLC Gala Dinner on the evening of Saturday, 17 May 2014 at the historic Winthrop Hall at UWA. The objectives of the dinner were to provide an opportunity for the MLC community to come together to nurture the culture of philanthropy in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

The support received from the MLC community for the event was incredible. The Gala tickets sold out in minutes and through the generosity of sponsors, attendees and those who bid in the pre-gala auction, in excess of $80,000 was raised for the MLC Support Groups and the Foundation. The Gala was a huge success.

Going forward, this iconic event will be held biennially. The next Gala is scheduled for 2016.

The MLC Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank the Gala Organising Committee comprising Loretta van Merwyk, (Chair), Elaine Ma, Robyn Sommer, Natalie Snooke, Kim Green and Sam Hayes whose focus and definitive management was fundamental to its success.

The Foundation also wishes to acknowledge and thank Nick Brasington for his inspirational and thought provoking speech on the night that cogently encapsulated the purpose of the Gala, Adrian Barich for being an outstanding MC, Billie Court for her captivating renditions of “Simply the Best” and “River Deep Mountain High”, Dr Robert Faulkner, Director of Music, and the MLC Music Department for the stunning Barbershop and Chorale compositions played on the night, and also, Kim Green for his astute auctioneering.
Acknowledgement and thanks also extends to the following sponsors who gave so generously to the event and were integral to the overall success:

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The MLC Foundation recognises the importance of a united philanthropic approach among the MLC community and proudly provides an annual donation to the College Support Groups.
To continue the pursuit to create and support uninterrupted philanthropic programmes and independent income, the MLC Foundation launched the MLC Tuition Raffle in October 2014.

The MLC Tuition Raffle provides a fantastic opportunity for members of the MLC community to donate to the Foundation, with the added incentive of winning the following prizes:

- **First Prize**: 2015 School Tuition Fees paid for one current MLC Student (up to the value of $25,000)
- **Second Prize**: New MLC 2015 Uniform fit out to the value of $1,000
- **Third Prize**: a New Apple iPad Air 64gb

Tickets were $100 and limited to two per child to maintain favourable odds for all ticketholders.

The Raffle tickets were on sale from October 2014 to 11 February 2015 with the winning tickets drawn at Sunset on the Green on 13 February 2015.

The MLC Tuition Raffle offers an opportunity for the MLC community to engage in philanthropy at a manageable and affordable investment level and will become an annual event.

The Foundation would like to thank all families who supported the inaugural Raffle in 2014.
2014 FOUNDATION EVENTS

The Foundation hosted the following events in 2014 in order to provide opportunities to collaborate and share its vision and values with the MLC community.

EVENING WITH THE PRINCIPAL DINNER

The ‘Evening With the Principal’ dinner, hosted by the MLC Foundation, provided an opportunity for Chair of Foundation James McClements and Principal Rebecca Cody to meet with new families.

The dinner also provided James and Ms Cody the opportunity to communicate the Foundation’s purpose, achievements and plans of advancement to establish the culture of philanthropy at MLC.
AMAZING WOMEN – INSPIRING LEADERSHIP @ MLC

This event provides the Foundation with an opportunity for Community engagement and to present its case for support.

In 2014, the Foundation Amazing Women – Inspiring Leadership series continued to encourage students and women in the MLC community to strive for the heights and support one another.

These breakfasts bring together a diverse range of women to create a collegiate environment.

The first guest speaker for 2014, Tian Beckett (‘13), joined a number of Collegians featured in MLC’s 100 Collegian Voices publication for breakfast prior to International Women’s Day. She spoke of her success as a junior world champion cyclist and motivated guests with her positive outlook on life and passion for her sport.

At a breakfast in July, parents, Collegians and women in the MLC community were joined by Ms Vandra Leigh, a Police Officer with the Western Australia Police. Vandra’s moving, personal presentation personified how to overcome extreme adversity.
In October, Senior Managing Director of International and Institutional Banking at ANZ Mrs Cathryn Carver spoke to MLC’s incoming Prefects and their parents about what inspirational leadership means to her. Her thought-provoking messages about the importance of values-based leadership, teamwork and having a ‘wide scope lens’ were meaningful. Mrs Carver is a member of the Foundation Board.

Each speaker inspired senior students at an assembly following the breakfasts where they highlighted the importance of resilience and confidence.
2014 MORNING OF THANKS

This event provides the Foundation with the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all donors and supporters throughout the year.

On Monday, 8 December 2014 the MLC Chair of Council, Dr Penny Flett and Principal, Ms Rebecca Cody, gave thanks to members of the MLC community who had generously contributed to the College in 2014. The Morning of Thanks was a beautiful celebration of community engagement held on the Great Court.

The MLC Foundation was delighted to have this opportunity to thank our many supporters for their assistance in 2014.
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THE YEAR AHEAD

In 2015 the MLC Foundation will build on the momentum created by 2014’s achievements.

Our focus is to continue to deliver and strengthen the Foundation messaging and to engage our community through sustainable philanthropic initiatives.

Sunset on the Green 2015 saw the launch of the Circle of Success (CoS). The concept seeks to attract 100 MLC community members, each giving a minimum of $1,000, resulting in a collaborative gift of more than $100,000 to the MLC Foundation to fulfil unfunded College projects. The projects will be launched to the CoS membership just prior to the “Pinnacle of Success” vote night in June 2015. An integral part of a giving circle is its equitable approach; every member has the same voting rights regardless of their investment whether it is the $1,000 minimum membership or a contribution above this amount. All projects are selected by the MLC College Leadership Team, with the winning project being decided at the annual ‘Pinnacle of Success’ polling night. By voting, every member has a say in how the collaborative funds are spent. This process allows for a tangible sense of achievement and heightened engagement with the College for members and ultimately wide-reaching benefits for present and future MLC students. The Foundation is excited to launch this initiative to the MLC community.

The College launched its new strategy “Towards 2025” early in 2015. Towards 2025 is MLC’s focused Strategic Plan for improvement. Its formation has been a collaborative process of reassessing the College’s position and considering its next stage of development. Set over a century ago, the foundation principle and inspiration remains our College Motto – Per Ardua Ad Alta; through striving to the heights. Implicit in our Motto is an unwavering commitment to improvement accompanying a healthy competitive spirit.

Along with a new Vision, Mission and Values, eight Strategic Priorities will be introduced to the community in 2015. These Priorities are realised through the delivery of 30 Strategic Projects which will be fulfilled throughout the period 2015 - 2025.

Towards 2025 is aspirational. By remaining focussed on its implementation MLC will be at the forefront of excellence in education and as such, there will be no shortage of opportunities for the Foundation to assist the School across this next 10 year strategic horizon.

The MLC Foundation will launch a Bequest programme in 2015 for the community to consider as a way to give recognition to their association with MLC across generations.
If you would like to find out more about the MLC Foundation and how you can support it, please contact Lauren Major, Director of Development at foundation@mlc.wa.edu.au or (08) 9383 8858.