APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO EX-STUDENTS & FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE FOR

- MUSIC CENTRE
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Each gift, big or small, regular or occasional, will make a difference.

“Yes, we can...”

Like people, institutions delight in celebrating their milestones. St Scholastica’s College is no exception. In 2001 the College celebrated with the local community the centenary of its move from Pitt St in the city to the Toxteth Estate in Glebe. In 2007 the Sisters of the Good Samaritan celebrated the 150th anniversary of their own foundation as Australia’s first, home-grown Benedictine order. And in 2008 came the International Benedictine Youth Congress and World Youth Day: we celebrated our international, Benedictine connections when students and staff from Good Samaritan schools in Australia joined fellow Benedictines from the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Germany, the United States, England, and the many countries of Africa to “listen with the ear of the heart” and to learn.

The College now looks forward to the official opening in March 2009 of the new Library/Technology Resource Centre and Visual Arts Rooms, marking the successful completion of Stage 2 of the Master Plan. This wonderful achievement has been made possible by careful planning, the continued generosity of parents to the Building Fund and the additional welcome support of a Federal Government capital grant.

In the 21st century, as in the early days, the growth and development of St Scholastica’s College depends on the dedication and support of people passionate about the education of young women in the Good Samaritan tradition of learning based on values of compassion, hospitality, stability and stewardship.
INDIGENOUS PROGRAM

In the year of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, St Scholastica’s College has identified the formal establishment of our own Indigenous Program as a goal for realisation in 2009. With an Indigenous school population of almost 50 students, this is a timely development in a process begun over 30 years ago by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and continued here today. Our Indigenous program enriches us all and is a very practical way to right the wrongs done to the Indigenous people of Australia. We are proud to be involved, proud of the many achievements of our Indigenous students past and present. We invite you to support our endeavour in an equally practical way. The first people to greet Pope Benedict when he officially stepped onto land at Barangaroo in July 2008 were the Indigenous singers and dancers, some of our students among them. Likewise at the IBYC, the Indigenous performed. One of the dancers made some very athletic leaps in the air which left us gasping at the balletic skill that achieved such grace and height. What was even more amazing was that, when the dancer came “back to earth”, there was no sound, no thump, no shudder, no tap, just silence. The Indigenous, one of the oldest cultures in the world, bring home to us the need to both be in touch with the earth – in the truly Benedictine spirit - but to touch the earth lightly.
MUSIC CENTRE
St Scholastica’s College would be culturally impoverished without its musical heart. Put simply, when words fail, music speaks. And it speaks not only at special celebrations like the Mass for St Scholastica’s Day at the start of the year and Speech Night towards the end, but at most of the occasions in between when we gather as a community, from Open Day to Grandparents’ Day. In 2009 the College will begin in earnest the planning to make Stage 3 of its Master Plan a reality: our plans include a Music Centre that is worthy of our fine musical tradition and a suitable venue to inspire, foster and showcase our students’ performance skills.

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Over the years St Scholastica’s College has offered both bursaries and scholarships to a broad range of individual students to enable them to access an education that might not otherwise be possible. The College will continue to offer support to students from both rural and urban backgrounds whose circumstances demand this kind of financial assistance. Your support of this program will offer a life-changing educational experience to students who have much to contribute.