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THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA



Dear Friends,

The University of Notre Dame Australia is a unique Australian university. Established as a university by an Act of Parliament in 1989 and as a Catholic university by a Canonical Statute in 1991, we embrace both the modern Australian university tradition and the ancient and esteemed traditions of Catholic universities in Europe, North America and Asia.

As an 'Australian' university, with campuses in Fremantle, Sydney and Broome, Notre Dame meets stringent quality and reporting standards set down by Government. Our professional degrees such as accountancy, education, law, medicine, nursing and physiotherapy are assessed and approved by independent accreditation bodies.

As a 'Catholic' university, we embrace and follow the Church's teachings on the nature of Catholic universities, significantly *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. We believe that the purpose of education is not simply to transmit information or create knowledge; we strive to teach and educate in an environment that encourages students to seek the truth, to seek understanding and to serve and live in a way that fulfils everyone's higher purposes. Our Core Curriculum, comprising Ethics, Philosophy and Theology, is one way in which we seek to provide a framework which will broaden our students' minds and lives.

Our activities are based on the Christian belief that each individual deserves respect, support and love. From our

personalised admissions process, through to the academic and extra-curricular activities available, every student is valued and respected as an individual member of the community.

As a contemporary Australian Catholic university, we have established strengths in Health and Education and have assumed a special role in education of and service to the Indigenous people of Australia. All of our degrees are designed to encourage our students to develop theoretical, analytical and practical skills, as well as life skills, with an understanding of sound ethics and decision making.

These and other features of Notre Dame make it unique.

By giving to Notre Dame, you will help us to continue to provide an educational experience that helps our students to realise their potential and develop an understanding of their humanity and their role in the world

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Celia Hammond', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor Celia Hammond
Vice Chancellor



Futures Scholarship Fund

Individual students, individual needs

Gifts to the Futures Scholarship Fund will create new and enriched opportunities for students to succeed.

The reality of life for approximately two-thirds of Notre Dame's students is that they must work part-time to afford the cost of an education and the cost of living.

Fundraising for scholarships, bursaries and awards continues to be a priority for Notre Dame. Scholarships play a vital role in opening doors to enable talented students to study, irrespective of their ability to afford fees or support themselves through their studies.

Importantly, they also promote a more diverse community, leading to greater learning opportunities for every student.

A gift to the Futures Scholarship Fund will be placed in the endowment fund to create new opportunities for students now and for generations to come. Your generosity will be a wonderful source of encouragement to our students.

Without question, a scholarship can change a student's life.



Research Fund

Progress through partnership

The University is committed to developing its research strengths to increase the quality, impact and capacity of research activity.

A new Vice Chancellor's Research Fund has been established. Its aim is to provide an ongoing source of funding, giving researchers the ability to undertake large-scale, long-term research programs. Gifts to this fund will be put to a variety of uses for both staff and student research initiatives.

The University has expanded its research capacity by developing a number of new research institutes: the Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies in Broome; the Centre for Faith, Ethics and Society in Sydney; and the Institute for Health and Rehabilitation Research in Fremantle.

These institutes provide opportunities for academic staff from a variety of disciplines to focus their research efforts on vital areas of enquiry.

We have the mind power and the will power to tackle important research issues, however we also need funding to augment our programs.

We invite you to help us to play a leading role in addressing many of the complex issues that face the world today.

Our aspirations are for the development of a lively research culture that guides practice and contributes to the unique character of Notre Dame as a Catholic University.



Unrestricted Fund

With institutional support, our students achieve their highest potential

As a centre of learning for over 7,000 students, it is vital that we continue to maintain state-of-the-art campuses and be able to respond as new needs and opportunities emerge.

This year, the University is undertaking capital works on all campuses. Your unrestricted financial gifts will help us to offset our capital costs and ensure that our new facilities match the existing facilities in terms of quality, utility and beauty.

Gifts to the Unrestricted Fund will allow the growth required to continue our vital role of high-level teaching, scholarship and research.

All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated and help to ensure that today's students are afforded every opportunity to have an enriching Notre Dame experience.

Support from our community helps us to build for the future.



Thank you to our donors

Your remarkable generosity and support has been a sustaining feature of many of the significant advancements at Notre Dame.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of the individuals and organisations listed, who have made significant contributions to support the University over the years.

There are also a number of private donors who wish to remain anonymous. We are equally grateful for their support.

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- a) The provision of university education within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- b) the provision of an excellent standard of –
 - i) teaching, scholarship and research;
 - ii) training for the professions and
 - iii) pastoral care for its students.

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