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# IMPACT REPORT 2021

Our community. We don't just dare. We do.





  
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# The impact of giving.

Ross Barron, Head of Wesley College and Matthew Braysher, Chair of College Council.

Generosity is at the heart of the Wesley community and over the College's nearly 100-year history there have been many stories of giving. In fact, it has truly defined not only our campus but the spirit of our school.

As we approach our Centenary, I find myself thinking about the past, and the foresight of the incredible people who established Wesley. Before ground had broken on the Wesley campus our first benefactor, Miss Sarah Hardey, promised £800 to establish the College's first scholarships. Visionary Mr John F Ward, the first Headmaster, shaped not only the physical landscape of Wesley but our values, our very spirit. This has led to generations of students who have flourished because of their Wesley experience.

2021 was a great year and I would like to personally thank all of Wesley's donors who supported us. Our *Impact Report* includes just a small sample of stories that are possible because of the incredible kindness of our community. Your impact is immeasurable.

Because of our donors' generosity I can unequivocally say the future of Wesley has never been brighter.

**Ross Barron**  
Head of Wesley College

In 2021, the Wesley community has made an extraordinary impact.

Our students set new lap and fundraising records at the *Relay for Life* and *World's Greatest Shave* respectively; they created and performed in tremendous arts events including *Blood Brothers* and *Wesley Takes the Stage*; Wesley sport has gone from strength to strength; and the Class of 2021 achieved remarkable results—the list goes on and on.

The wider Wesley community exceeded all our expectations with the College's Annual Giving campaign, by not only beating our campaign target but in also setting a record—the 2021 Annual Giving campaign was the most successful in the College's history.

This extraordinary generosity has an enormous impact. Donations to the College's Scholarship Funds mean that the opportunity of a world-class education can be extended to students who wouldn't normally be able to attend Wesley. Gifts to the Wesley Building Fund mean that projects like the *Reimagined Performing Arts Studio*, can be actioned soon rather than later to the benefit our current students.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories about the impact our community's generosity has made.

Thank you.

**Matthew Braysher**  
Chair of College Council

'Receiving a scholarship has given me all sorts of opportunities which have given me a better education and helped me achieve my dreams.'



# Arthur Jones

## How a Wesley Scholarship changed his life.

**Arthur Jones came to Wesley in 2020 as a Year 11 student. Throughout the two years he was at Wesley he made a significant contribution to all aspects of College life.**

He is an exceptional sportsman and has proven himself to be a respected and valued leader in a range of sporting contexts. In his final year, he was Vice-Captain of the 1st XVIII Football Team and a pivotal role in the leadership group. Arthur was lauded as one of the most talented footballers in the PSA, and after graduating he was drafted at pick 43 of the 2021 AFL draft by the Western Bulldogs.

As an influential and respected member of the Moorditj Mob, he used his voice and connection to culture to help foster a greater understanding of reconciliation both broadly and in the Wesley community. Along with 2021 College Captain, Sam White, he worked with pride and care to design an Indigenous tie for Wesley which tells a story of

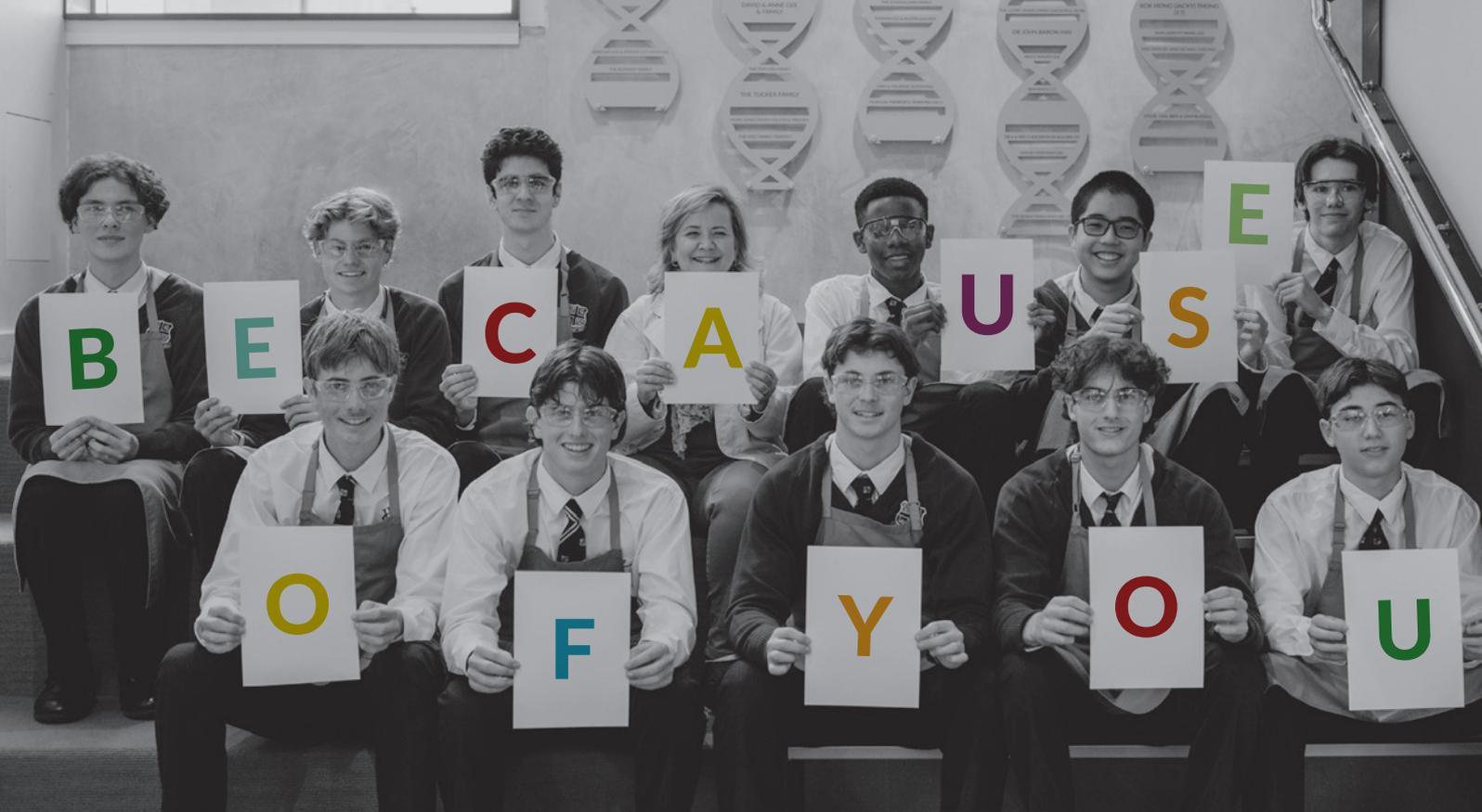
growth and belonging; this will be a seminal piece of the College's uniform and Arthur's willingness to share the story behind his creation has made the piece even more meaningful.

Academically, Arthur applied himself and in 2021 was awarded the Jim Walker Dux of College (VET) Prize. Arthur worked diligently throughout his College journey and is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

When asked what being a scholarship recipient has meant to him, Arthur said 'It has changed my whole life and made me the man I am today. Receiving a scholarship has given me all sorts of opportunities which have given me a better education and helped me achieve my dreams. What was profoundly meaningful to me, was designing the first Wesley Indigenous tie and having multiple roles throughout the school to make Wesley better. I am very honoured to have attended Wesley College and now to be an 'Old Boy.'

### **You can transform the life of an Indigenous student.**

Please consider supporting Wesley's Indigenous Scholarship program by visiting [wesley.wa.edu.au/giving](https://wesley.wa.edu.au/giving) or contacting Development Manager, Alexandra Robertson, at [alexandra.robertson@wesley.wa.edu.au](mailto:alexandra.robertson@wesley.wa.edu.au) or (08) 9368 8127.



Dear Mrs Lu and Mr Wong  
 Your generous donation has given me the opportunity  
 to expand my scientific knowledge and pursue  
 my dream of becoming a neurosurgeon!  
 -Kind regards - Olivier Morris - Year 8 - 802

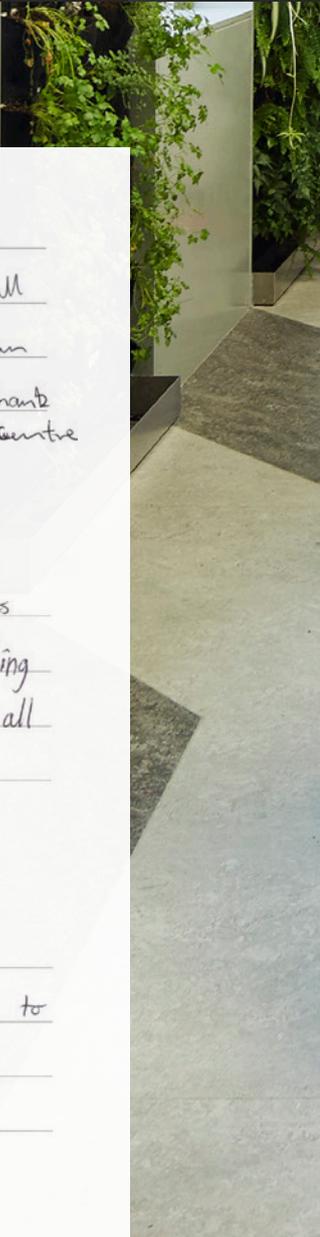
Dear Mr Miller,  
 The coolest thing about the Science Centre is  
 the new and modern equipment, which helps us enrich our scien  
 knowledge. Thank you so much!  
 Lochlan.S - Year 8.

Dear Mr Hawkins,  
 Thank you for helping with the science centre. The thing I  
 like the most about the Science Centre is being able to do  
 science experiments and dissections.  
 Kind Regards Daniel Peterson Year 8

Dear Mr and Mrs Harding, the science  
 centre inspires me to get creative with all  
 the new equipment and areas, giving us an  
 opportunity to expand our knowledge. So thank  
 you for all you have done to fund this centre  
 Michael Kotes - Year 8

Dear Mr Keay, This science centre has  
 inspired me to push my limits. The coolest thing  
 is the drop zone. In this centre I learnt all  
 about cells and even saw one!  
 James Richardson - Year 8

Dear Mrs E Lee  
 The Science Centre inspires me to  
 pursue innovation.  
 Connor Blight - Year 12



# Time flies when you're having fun!

In 2021, our Science Centre turned four and to celebrate, Wesley students and staff sent messages of gratitude to our generous donors.

**When the Mildred Manning Science Centre turned four we decided we needed to thank the many donors who made this amazing space possible.**

Our students and staff wrote postcards to thank our donors—the messages of gratitude illustrate the tremendous impact of this state-of-the-art learning space.

Because of our generous community, staff and students alike are inspired and challenged to discover, learn and innovate. Science at Wesley has been changed forever.

This new and improved space is shaping the scientists of tomorrow in ways we are yet to

discover, but will benefit a community far larger than Wesley.

Head of Science, Dr Sarah Harrison, said 'The space is visually exciting. Our students come in and are inspired to discover and learn. Classes benefit from seeing other students in years above and below them using the space. The flexible spaces allow for experimental work which could not be done in conventional school laboratories. Our new space has also encouraged growth and professional development in staff. This is a positive outcome for everyone because engaged, enthusiastic and curious educators transfer their passion to our students.'

**If you would like to help make our dreams for the Wesley Campus a reality, you can make a gift to the College Building Fund.**

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# The power of words.

**JS Maloney Scholarship recipient and 2021 College Captain Sam White's Valedictory speech reached over 600,000 people on social media!**



Watch Sam White's speech here.

**One of the most significant milestones in a person's life is graduating from school. It's a moment where a child stands on the precipice of adult life, with their childhood behind them.**

At Wesley, there are many special traditions that mark this particular part of the journey and the final event is the Valedictory Dinner where the College Captain addresses his classmates, teachers and parents.

2021 College Captain and JS Maloney Scholarship recipient Sam White blew the audience away with his passionate and poignant address. Here is an excerpt of Sam's powerful, final address.

'I can safely say that after 14 years, eight years, one year, or however long you have been in this place and beside these people, the certificate you have received, or are soon to receive, will not be the most important thing you take away.

A certificate, often like a shopping list, does not do justice to your achievements, your character, your capabilities and the influence you have had on others.

As we leave this place, what should make us all happy is what our teachers, mentors, parents and friends have given us, how they have influenced us. Happiness is taking away lifelong mates and lifelong lessons. We take them all into the future. Take a moment also to be proud of how you've positively influenced the journey of others because that's of equal, if not higher, importance.

Although we're here celebrating the end of this stretch of road, it's also a time to express our thanks to those who have been behind us and beside us as we've walked the journey.'

**Would you like to give the gift of opportunity by donating to the Wesley Scholarship Fund?**

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Rachael Gilchrist and Kevin Matthews, Wesley parents



# The news is good!

**The 2021 Annual Giving campaign was the most successful annual giving campaign in the College's history—thanks to you!**

We have been able to award scholarships and bursaries to amazing students and have commenced the refurbishments of the Performing Arts Studio next year.

This exciting project falls outside of the scope of the College's annual budget and without the support of donors would not have been possible. Head of College, Mr Ross Barron, said: 'The incredible and generous support of our community has meant that we're able to forge ahead with the renovation of our Performing Arts Studio next year. I'm blown away—this was a target we didn't expect to meet for at least

two years. Because of our donors, students will be able to enjoy these new facilities and opportunities as early as 2022.'

The Arts at Wesley is thriving and we're so grateful to the many Wesley families who supported this project.

'For my family and I the arts and particular theatre are simply critical. As Oscar Wilde said, "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." We're passionate about students being able to experience this great art form and because of this we decided to support this special project.'

**Rachael Gilchrist and Kevin Matthews, Wesley parents**

## Would you like to support the College's Annual Giving program?

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# Thank you!

*We are continually heartened by the generosity of the whole Wesley community and 2021 was no different. Your gifts are an investment in the future of our students and a deeply appreciated contribution.*



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*A huge 'Thank You' to Wesley's Philanthropy Committee.  
We appreciate your dedication, guidance and passion.*

## WESLEY COLLEGE PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE

**Mr Grant Vernon (77-81)**

CHAIR OF PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE

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**Mr Ross Barron**

HEAD OF WESLEY COLLEGE

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**Mr Matt Braysher**

CHAIR OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

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**Mr Jim Walker**

PAST CHAIR OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

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**Mr Greg Brown (82-86)**

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**Mr Tom Goodheart (09-15)**

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**Mr John Palermo**

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**Mrs Andrea Rundle**

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**Mrs Kim Ryan**

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Ms Mary Henry**

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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**Ms Alexandra Robertson**

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

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## PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE CHAIR 2022

After three years as the inaugural Philanthropy Committee Chair, **Mr Grant Vernon** has decided to step down. We would like to thank Grant for his amazing vision, leadership, wisdom, guidance and support.

Welcome to **Mr John Palermo**, the new Committee Chair. John brings extensive leadership and philanthropy experience to the role.





**Are you considering leaving a gift in your Will?**

If you'd like to have a confidential discussion about the impact of your bequest please contact Wesley's Development Manager:

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