

OXLEY COLLEGE

A CO-EDUCATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Wednesday, June 24th 2009

Dear Parent

RE: NEW OXLEY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

In the last edition of *The Vine* I advised of our recent success in obtaining funding from the Federal Government, as part of the Building the Education Revolution, for the construction of a Performing Arts Centre. This is fantastic news for the College and will provide a much needed centre for performing arts teaching and learning.

Plans include a multipurpose auditorium, music and drama teaching areas, a music technology room, instrumental teaching rooms, performance and rehearsal areas, a recording studio, staff offices and amenities.

Unfortunately the funding for this project will not cover all the costs for the required fit out, which includes music technology and audio visual equipment, theatre staging and furnishing. This provides an opportunity for the school community to participate directly in the completion of this building.

A project of this magnitude is unlikely to achieve any level of significant fundraising through events such as chocolate drives and sausage sizzles. For this reason, on behalf of the School Council, we would like to make a direct appeal to you, to consider a gift to the Oxley College Building Fund, towards the Performing Arts Centre. It has been over a decade since the College appealed for funds.

We are very conscious that there are many organisations and charities constantly looking for donations and we understand that families have differing commitments. That is why we limit our fundraising appeals. Our last project, the Oxley Stadium, has provided an incredible facility and greatly lifted the profile of Physical Education and Sports. The Stadium was built without major fundraising, but with appropriate borrowings in accordance with the College business plan.

Our successful application for this government grant presents an unexpected opportunity to undertake another major project, and with that opportunity comes the need for funds to fully equip the building. We commend this fundraising appeal to you and encourage you to carefully consider your part in assisting the school's development. We do need your help.

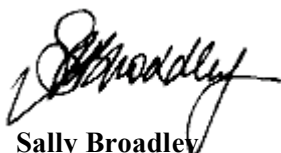
The timing of this appeal is also ideal for you to take advantage of the end of the financial year tax deductibility of your gift, if it is made before June 30th 2009, or by cheque dated before the end of June. Gifts provided after the 30th June 2009 will be tax deductible in the 2009/2010 financial year. Details of the procedures for giving are attached. A tax deductible receipt will be provided.

The names of all donors will be publicly acknowledged at the conclusion of the appeal (the amounts will remain confidential unless otherwise agreed). All gifts will be specifically set aside for the completion of the Performing Arts facility. Please feel free to discuss any aspect with the Business Manager, Gerry Breukers.

Oxley has a rich history in the performing arts. Building on the strong classroom programs of Music and Drama, Oxley achieves outstanding VCE results in these subjects. Exciting opportunities abound in wonderful instrumental and vocal ensembles and in outstanding Junior and Senior school concerts and productions.

We praise God for our students, Oxley families and staff, and for the provision and development of this beautiful campus. Our mission is to provide excellence in Christian education, within an affordable fee structure. Your gift, ultimately, will be an investment in the lives of our children.

Yours sincerely



**Sally Broadley
Principal**



YES I would like to support the Performing Arts Centre project with a financial donation.

Name (Family Business): _____

Address: _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____

Please find enclosed the amount of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$5,000 \$10,000

Other Amount: \$ _____

Cash Cheque | Please debit my: Visa Mastercard

Credit Card Number:

Name of card holder: _____ Expiry Date: ___/___/___

Signed: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Please note: If you wish to take advantage of a direct debit from either your Credit or Bank Account and wish to take advantage of this before 30th of June you should contact the school on (03) 9727 9900 for verbal processing due to time constraints.

BPAY

Account: 575134

Cust Ref: Current BPAY ID (As per your statement details)

Description: BER PAB

This slip should be returned to the School Administration Office or can be mailed to:

Performing Arts Centre Appeal
Oxley College
PO Box 553
Lilydale Vic 3140