

Enabling students to engage in education

The Gordon Student Scholarship Program and other ways to make a financial contribution

In 2012 The Gordon celebrates 125 years as an icon in Geelong. During this time there have been many changes politically, strategically, culturally and as a community and The Gordon has endured and progressed through them all. Currently, during this time of Skill Reform, The Gordon's enrolments continue to increase and as an organisation we are continuously striving to solidify our reputation as 'the first choice as a training provider' locally, regionally and State-wide.

Over the years the Gordon has enjoyed many important and valued partnerships. Through the generosity of these benefactors, scholarships and financial assistance have been made available to assist students to achieve their educational goals.

The George Alexander Foundation

Mr George Alexander AM established the Foundation in 1972 with a view to using his wealth in a constructive way. 'George believed that if young people were not adequately supported financially the future of Australia would be barren ... he likened the sponsoring of scholarships to planting seeds that would grow in time into large trees' says Caitriona Fay, Senior Program Manager.

The Foundation has been in partnership with The Gordon since 2007 sponsoring scholarships and bursaries to students displaying leadership qualities, community involvement and proven academic ability or trade skill.



Mick Young Trust

The Mick Young Scholarship Trust was founded in 1997. Mick had an abiding belief: 'Education is a right, not a privilege.' He knew the cycle of unemployment and disadvantage was a deadly enemy of a person's chance to fulfil their true potential. "Break that cycle", Mick would say, "and an individual's place in the community will almost certainly be transformed".

These scholarships enable students to have that extra chance in life that only a great education can bring.



Community and The Gordon Student Support Fund

The Student Support Fund was established in 1987 following the investment of a modest amount of monies that remained in the union committee account of International Harvester after its closure.

Many unemployed/redundant workers of International Harvester came to The Gordon to retrain and re skill; inspiring the committee to commit to assisting financially disadvantaged students to remain enrolled and complete qualifications to pursue employment opportunities.



Inspired? You too can contribute

How to give

Scholarships and bursaries

A scholarship is a powerful vote of confidence in another person's ability and worth. A scholarship or bursary contributes to our students resolve; not only to remain enrolled but to alleviate the concern of burdening significant others during this time of reduced earning potential. Scholarship categories can be based on industry specific courses, personal qualities such as: academic excellence or proven skill in a trade area, mature aged, youth, and/ or low socio economic status. Scholarship monies can be specified to contribute to fees, materials and equipment costs, quality tools of trade and/or everyday living expenses.

Industry engagement

The Gordon is a 125 year old icon in Geelong and has a history of working in partnership with local businesses and industry to offer courses that meet their needs and produce highly skilled, job- ready graduates. The willingness of industry to offer work placements, internships, site inspections, guest speakers and advice on skill needs is invaluable to The Gordon.

Bequest

A 'living gift' is a means of providing a financial benefit to The Gordon and its students. By making a bequest to The Gordon you are ensuring your support of students of the Gordon from your estate. Gifts can be made for specific purposes such as a scholarship in a particular industry or to a particular group of the student population (rural, disadvantaged, academic excellence, mature aged, youth etc) or can be allocated to the Student Support Fund to assist students in need throughout the year with incidental costs such as transport, food vouchers, medical expenses, materials.

Donations

Donations received under \$500 are allocated to the Student Support Fund to be distributed to students in the form of, for example, food vouchers, transport vouchers, essential materials from The Gordon bookshop and/or unforeseen incidentals. These grants are administered by Student Counsellors, Learner Support Services at The Gordon.

More information

To enquire further about the options for financial contributions to The Gordon please contact
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