



## Ringwood High School/Ringwood Secondary College Heritage & Alumni Group

### Heritage Perpetual Scholarship Fund

Dear Student/Past Student/Parent,

Ringwood Secondary College is one of the very few Victorian state schools to successfully build a firm relationship with its 'history' and with those of us who helped create it! The Heritage & Alumni Group has played a big part in arranging our recent '60<sup>th</sup> Year' celebration, establishing and maintaining our archives, supporting our 'Halls of Fame', providing students with job interview experience and generally supporting the fine culture of Ringwood Secondary College (RSC).

We are proud that our longest serving Principal, Michael Phillips (twenty years and still going) and his dedicated senior staff, have done so much to lift the reputation of our school to a point where students from the past are justifiably proud to again be involved. There is a definite sense that the educational support, policies and standards that prepared 'heritage' students to face the world so many years ago, are still alive in our school today!

To reflect a long-term objective of the Heritage & Alumni Group, we have established an ex-students' scholarship fund. This perpetual fund allows the school to make monetary awards to support selected students who face some form of hardship, to undertake the VCE (Years 11 & 12). While RSC has a number of existing scholarships to recognize academic excellence, the Heritage fund has different criteria directed toward overcoming disadvantage, experienced by some students transitioning to tertiary studies.

A formal structure was given to the RSC Heritage Perpetual Scholarship Fund in 2015, with a management committee appointed, criteria established and an investment account administered by the school. The initial scholarships were awarded for 2016 and 2017 and provided \$500 support for each student.

While the fund already has a number of substantial donations from past students, we are seeking to build a larger capital base that generates sufficient income to support a number of scholarships each year. With this in mind, we are inviting all of our present and past students, and parents to consider making a donation to the Heritage Perpetual Scholarship fund. A donation of any amount will be gratefully accepted. Cheques should be made out to 'Ringwood Secondary College' with 'Heritage Perpetual Scholarship Fund' written on the back, and mailed to RSC, attention Maria Allison (Assistant Principal).

Yours sincerely,

Neil Reid  
Scholarship Fund Management Committee

Michael Phillips  
Principal, Ringwood Secondary College

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