Towards 2023
ENRICHING BLACKHALL KALIMNA, BENEFITING OUR CHILDREN

The Preshil Foundation raises funds to improve the school’s buildings and facilities for the benefit of our children and future Preshilians. In recent years, with the amazing support of Preshil families, we’ve helped to make our new Library building at Blackhall Kalimna a reality. We’ve also completed a comprehensive heritage review of the Arlington campus, and funded important building conservation work.

With the recent release of the school’s Strategic Plan, we are now in a position to begin raising funds for a select number of new works across both campuses. The enclosed booklet sets our campaign priorities for the senior school. These have been determined by school Council, and will involve continuing consultation with staff and students.

Each project will directly benefit our children - improving their learning opportunities, school experience, self-expression and enjoyment! We can’t wait to start bringing these exciting changes to life.

With your help, we can really enrich Blackhall Kalimna for our senior school children and make their experience at Preshil even more engaging and rewarding.

1. CREATING A KALIMNA MIDDLE YEARS FACILITY

Required: $200,000
Target implementation: Q1 2014

Building works will open up the existing 7s and 8s classrooms, maximising flexibility and better supporting individual, small group and whole class work and presentations. This ‘Middle Years Facility’ will also enable team teaching, and the flexible use of laptops and technology, in place of the limited computer labs currently available. Our children and teachers will be able to choose the arrangement of space according to their needs. Required works include widening doorways, removing walls, installing moveable partitions and glass and making good all surfaces.
2. BLACK BOX THEATRE UPGRADE

Required: $50,000  
Target implementation: Q4 2013

For a relatively modest investment, we will significantly improve our much-loved Black Box theatre, while retaining all of its intimacy. The construction of new storage will create more performance space and allow greater flexibility in its use. Reworking partitions, removing the boards over the existing double glass doors, creating a small atrium style foyer with appropriate signage and capitalising on beautiful garden surrounds will make the most of our unique ‘La Mama’ style theatre. Children will be free to experiment with different performance styles, and with larger audiences.

3. CAMPUS ENTRY TRANSFORMATION

Required: $200,000  
Target implementation: 2015

Sensitive landscaping works will be undertaken to install an appropriate drive and set down area, together with more efficient car parking at the entrance to the senior school. In addition, the Office entry will be properly signed. This project will beautify our ‘front door’ and free up considerable garden and recreation space currently given over to cars and circulation. More importantly, the works will improve safety and amenity for our children, staff and visitors - numbers of which are expected to grow in line with the Strategic Plan and the opening of new facilities.

4. AN INSPIRING ARTS PAVILLION

Required (est): $4 million  
Target implementation: Contingent on major donor/s

Blackhall Kalimna lacks an art and performance venue that is capable of accommodating larger events. An Arts Pavillion will be a flexible, inspiring space able to host all manner of conferences, forums, performance, exhibitions and multimedia events. The Arts Pavillion will be equipped with excellent acoustics and appropriate equipment, staging and furniture. It will act as a catalyst and focal point for artistic expression and collaboration among students, and also be available for use by others in the community.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT:

Preshil will remain a K-12, progressive school in the Preshil tradition. By 2023 the school will have a capped enrolment of 550 students across two campuses and all classes will have low student / teacher ratios. Preshil will offer an IB program at the Senior School and we will have completed a capital works program that ensures the school has fit-for-purpose and refurbished facilities. Our cash reserves will be no more than are required to secure our financial sustainability.

“Creativity is not an indulgence that we need to have a bit of as well as all the hard work. Creativity is the centre of it - it is the development of mind.”

Margaret E Lyttle

Children are magic

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