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Dear Parent,

We are writing to ask for your help in a major capital raising appeal to build a new Multipurpose Centre at the School.

As you know, Sydney Boys High School offers opportunities for its students that are not available to any other public school student in the State. The success of our boys and the outstanding reputation of the School from which we all benefit, is a result of the well rounded education our boys receive, including rigorous sporting competition, leadership training and community service, academic competitions, debating and public speaking, creative and performing arts opportunities – all while pursuing academic excellence.

The facilities our boys currently enjoy, at a fraction of the cost of a private school, were made possible not by government funding but through generous donations by past generations of parents and students. Sydney Boys High has only been able to achieve what it has in the course of its 128 year history because parents, old boys and other members of the High family have joined together to build the future of the School.

Each generation of High parents shares a responsibility to maintain and improve the School's facilities to keep offering opportunities for current and future students at the standard they deserve. To enable parents to make tax deductible donations for this purpose, the School has two building funds - the Centenary Building Fund and Sydney Boys High School Building Fund.

The **Centenary Building Fund** is used to maintain and improve existing facilities within the School beyond what the government can provide. Each family is asked to contribute to the Centenary Building Fund at the start of the academic year as part of their annual fees statement. Thank you to those parents who have generously made this essential contribution. **Sydney Boys High School Building Fund** is for new facilities and receives donations from parents and old boys throughout the year.

Past projects funded by the generosity of the High community include: purchase of a new demountable classroom (\$78,000); the Senior Study Centre (\$650,000); stage two of the Outterside Sporting and Educational Centre (\$600,000); Canteen refurbishment (\$150,000); new Senior Library (\$100,000); the Cutler Gates (\$120,000); new tennis courts (\$230,000); cricket nets (\$120,000); extra classrooms (\$50,000); installing cabling, computer and internet infrastructure (\$35,000); building storage capacity (\$25,000); remodelling staffrooms (\$12,000); and most recently, the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (\$120,000) and establishment of fencing and athletics facilities (\$50,000).

The next targeted project for SBHS Building Fund is a new Multipurpose Centre, which is urgently needed to expand and upgrade our teaching, examination, performing arts and debating facilities and free up much needed classrooms in the existing buildings. This is a major capital works commitment that includes the design and construction of a new two level building joining the Killip Wing and McDonald Building at the School's Anzac Parade frontage.

The Centre is planned to incorporate:

- a 200 seat lecture theatre
- a 125 seat examination room
- specialist music rehearsal and tuition rooms
- performance and debating spaces.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$3.25 million. The Department of Education and Training supports the School's plans but is unable to provide any funding. We currently have \$835,000 on term deposit donated by parents and past students. We believe we can secure loan funding and commence the project if we have a \$1 million deposit and a regular monthly stream of donation income to repay the loan.

To achieve this target as soon as we can and get this project underway, we are asking you to contribute to Sydney Boys High School Building Fund within the next two months in two ways:

- by regular monthly credit card donations that are tax deductible, and/or
- by once-off donation, also tax deductible.

Forms are enclosed for each of these contribution methods. If you have any queries, please telephone either of us directly. A fellow parent will also telephone you over the course of the next few weeks to answer any questions you may have about our fund raising effort.

With widespread parent support across each year group, we can achieve our fund raising goal and get this project underway. For example, if every one of our current 1,000 families contributes \$30.00 each month, we would raise \$360,000 per year. Obviously, the higher the contributions the faster we will reach our fundraising target and construction can begin.

Our current generation of High parents can contribute significantly to the High legacy of excellence – to the benefit of every current, future and former student. We ask you to join in our fund raising challenge and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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