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Scholarship honours 100 years of fine education

A new scholarship appeal was launched today at Hobart College.

The appeal will fund the Old Hobartian Centenary Scholarship, an annual scholarship to support students graduating from Hobart College to study in any discipline at UTAS.

2013 marks the centenary of the founding of Hobart High School and its successor institutions, Hobart Matriculation College and Hobart College.

The term “Old Hobartian” describes the old scholars of all three forms of the school. The Old Hobartian Association (OHA) still actively engages former students and has initiated this scholarship and appeal.

The Scholarship appeal has set itself an ambitious target of raising capital of \$200,000 by asking former students of the school to make a donation during the lead-up to the centenary celebrations.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen, officially launched the appeal.

“It is clear the alumni of Hobart High School, Hobart Matriculation College and Hobart College, have a great fondness and respect for the institutions that once educated them and guided them towards their future goals.

“How wonderful to have enjoyed your schooling so much that you remain committed to the institution so many years later.

“This new appeal and scholarship celebrate that commitment as well as the future generations of young students who will benefit from its support.”

Ted Best is Chair of the Old Hobartian Centenary Scholarship Appeal Committee and Class of 1961.

“As an old scholar of Hobart High School I urge you to support the Appeal. Few things will last forever but your donation to this scholarship should see an enduring memorial to our school’s first 100 years.

“I know too how valuable support was when I enrolled at UTAS. Our collective efforts now can make that happen each year of the school’s next century- and beyond.”

Rex Wilson, Principal of Hobart Matriculation College and Director of Secondary Education, said he is proud to support the appeal.

“During the past century the college and the school before it has provided a legacy of educational excellence.

“Tasmania, the nation and the world have benefited. It’s been part of me and my success in life. Giving something back to help future students is a privilege.”

Tracey Siedler, Principal of Hobart College, said she is extremely grateful for the OHA arranging the centenary scholarship appeal.

“It will be a highly prestigious addition to the support available for our students and a permanent tribute to the achievements and values of those who have gone before us.”

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