



Italian Colleges Australia Ltd
ABN 14 643 500 289

To the Italian-Australian Community,
Families, Friends, Supporters and Benefactors
of the Italian College in the South West

09 November 2020

Re: Emiliani Italian College Appeal

Dear Friends,

We write to you to express our sincere appreciation for your tremendous support thus far and to invite you to assist the Board of Directors in an appeal to raise funds for the establishment of Emiliani Italian College.

On Saturday 15 August 2020, upon founding Italian Colleges Australia Ltd, we affirmed our intention to give life to a new K-12 independent college to educate new generations Italo-Australians in the values, culture, faith and traditions that make up our identity.

On Saturday 3 October 2020, we had the privilege to publicly announce the decision to name the new college Emiliani Italian College, in honor of the life and pedagogical model of Saint Jerome Emiliani, founder of the Order of Regular Clerics of Somasca, commonly known as the Somascan Fathers.

The Somascan Tradition has accompanied many notable Italians who were educated in colleges established by the congregation of Saint Jerome Emiliani: Alessandro Manzoni - the Father of Modern Italian Language, Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini - Father of Migrants, founder of the Scalabrinian Fathers and Apostle of the Catechism and Alessandro Malaspina, a tuscan-born and sicilian-raised explorer whose expedition landed in Port Jackson (Sydney) in 1793.

While the Somascan Fathers only arrived in Sydney earlier this year, we can say that the Somascan Tradition first touched our great nation, Australia, already two centuries ago. Our students will therefore possess a strong, proud and unique Italian and Catholic charism that is second to none. In addition to this, Fr Chris De Sousa CRS, of the Somascan Fathers in NSW has accepted our invitation to join the ICA Board of Directors.

To make the K-Year 1 college operational in 2023, we need to raise 1 million dollars by the next 24 months. Please find enclosed a pledge form for financial support. If you are unable

to commit to a pledge yourself, whatever the amount, please extend this opportunity to as many members of the community as you can.

However, a pledge of at least \$1,000 will grant Honorary Membership to whoever makes the contribution, either it be a person, an organisation or a group.

Honorary Members will be perpetually acknowledged through a certificate of appreciation and a recognition on the 'Virtual Honour Roll' to be published on the college's website, clearly stating the amount and year of the pledge, unless they wish to remain anonymous.

The Honour Roll will then be located for public display in the premises of Emiliani Italian College.

We thank you again for your time and look forward to your help in making our common desire for an Italian College in Sydney's South West a reality by 2023, when we hope to welcome the first 40 students in Kindergarten to Year 1.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Marco Testa - Chair
Giovanni Albanese - Secretary
Fr Chris De Sousa - Director
Emanuele Esposito - Director
Daniel Pollicina - Director
Lorenzo Rositano - Director



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2020 Pledge Form

I/We pledge financial support to Emiliani Italian College.

For 2020, I/we pledge a total of \$_____.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organisation*: _____

***If you name an organisation, the Honorary Membership will be conferred to the organisation, not on the person named in this form. Alternatively, leave section blank.**

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ (Circle) Mobile | Home | Work

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Via cheque payable to:

Italian Colleges Australia Ltd

Please post cheque to:

P.O.Box 18, West Hoxton NSW 2171

Via EFT Transfer to:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Account Name: Italian Colleges Australia Ltd

BSB: 062-468

Account Number: 1075 7048

Reference: YOUR NAME

Please make your pledge commitment for 2020 by emailing mailing this form to italiancollegesouthwest@gmail.com, or online at www.italiancolleges.org.au/support.

(A receipt will be emailed to you)