Somerset College
Athletic Facilities
Support our Spartans
From the Headmaster

The current Strategic Plan identified that we would ensure that our physical facilities match our human resources in excellence and opportunity. We are delighted that the first outcome of this commitment is the construction of our new Athletic Facilities, comprising two international standard indoor Netball/Basketball courts with sprung flooring, expanded Weights and Cardio Rooms, a Gymnastics Room, relocated climbing wall, professional offices, Pool Grandstand, and two synthetic tennis courts.

On the Sands and Farm Ovals, we will construct a 400m 10 lane synthetic Athletics track, Grandstand with catering and control rooms, an international standard football pitch within the track, and an upgraded second oval.

Our recent performances in enhancing student outcomes in academics have lifted us firmly to the top schools in the State and nation. We want now to provide similar opportunities for excellence in physical endeavour. Please assist us in making the Spartan brand synonymous with excellence, effort and outcome.

Go Spartans!

Craig Bassingthwaighte
Headmaster and former College parent

Why This Project?

For students at Somerset, to have use of a 10 lane synthetic running track is a dream come true and will enable students to achieve their very best. Just as important is the statement this facility will make about support for the community.

To have this facility in the southern region of the Gold Coast will be of great benefit to the wider community.

Thank you, Somerset. Please help in making this plan a reality.

Alexander Beck
Class of 2009 and Commonwealth Games Representative

Somerset College is a strong Academic and Basketball school and plays an active role in the Basketball community; I have first-hand knowledge as a past coach of the Somerset Senior Women’s Basketball team for two years in 2010 and 2011.

I am absolutely excited for the College and the students that such new facilities will provide more opportunities for young women and men to play Basketball. Every facility is valued and is a key part to developing lifelong Basketball participation or a stepping-stone for a Somerset student to one day being part of the Jayco Australian Opals or the Aussie Boomers.

Brendan Joyce
Head Coach – The Australian Jayco Opals and former College parent
THE NEED FOR THIS PROJECT
For many years students and staff have endured the vagaries of Gold Coast weather to conduct Physical Education lessons and sports training during storms and intense heat. The College is about to embark upon a major project to ensure more comfortable facilities for our students and teachers in the coming years.

This project is the first major development of our athletic facilities since the pool was constructed in 1997. In delivering this project, the College Board clearly affirms that:

- The financial commitment maintains our financial KPIs of cash flow and debt at comfortable levels and will not impact on annual operations.
- This is a project that will be a legacy for current and future students and families.
- Our reputation and student outcomes in academics will not be compromised.
- This delivers state-of-the-art facilities for the educational benefit of our children, now and into the future.
How can I assist in supporting this project?
It is easy to support this appeal. All donations received by the Building Fund will be directed to the construction of the gymnasium.

How much of my gift will go to the College?
Every dollar donated to the appeal will go directly to the completion of this project.

Will my gift be tax-deductible?
Yes, all gifts to the appeal will be tax-deductible.

Will my gift be recognised?
There will be several ways in which gifts will be recognised:
- Bricks in the “Wall of Fame” will recognise gifts of $200.
- Gifts of $5,000 will be recognised on Honour Boards.
- Gifts of $15,000 will be recognised by plaques.
- Gifts of $50,000 will be recognised by the naming of a room on the ground floor.
- Gifts of $100,000 will be recognised by the naming of larger areas such as a court.

The College appreciates that some donors may wish to remain anonymous.

How can gifts be made?
You may wish to make a single gift or you can look to pledge a larger amount over a three-year period.

To discuss these options please contact John Bacon, Dean of Admissions on 07 5559 7374 or jbacon@somerset.qld.edu.au