

COR UNUM

One Heart



VILLANOVA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Our future starts together.



LET'S BUILD
A NEW PLACE
TO CELEBRATE

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“God provides the wind, Man must raise the sail.”

St Augustine



A NEW GATHERING PLACE
for the Villanova College
family to join together

Let's build

- ▶ A clubhouse
- ▶ A classroom
- ▶ A function centre
- ▶ A place of faith
- ▶ A gallery
- ▶ A performance venue
- ▶ A professional development space



THE COR UNUM SPIRIT

“Sport occupies no small place in the development and education of a schoolboy. Convinced of this fact we endeavoured to bring it about that all participate therein, to the best of their ability ...

Consequently an Inter-House competition was organised and long before its commencement great enthusiasm and interest prevailed...

This undoubtedly was sport as it should be, every boy enjoying it, yet every body giving of his best.”

Rector Fr Kevin Burman OSA
– Villanovan Magazine 1965

THE COR UNUM VISION

Villanova Park is a second home for our school community. For almost fifty years, it has taught important lessons on and off the field, and helped to develop countless young men of character.

With your support, let's write the next chapter of Villa Park's history, and develop a function and learning centre to replace and enhance the original Cor Unum Centre facilities, sadly lost to fire in 2017. The conceptual plans feature:

- ▶ A central, purpose-built facility for learning and events, including concerts and exhibitions
- ▶ An enhanced main entrance, with improved parking and traffic flow, and bus set down area
- ▶ New public amenities and grounds storage facilities
- ▶ An improved connection between the lower and upper fields

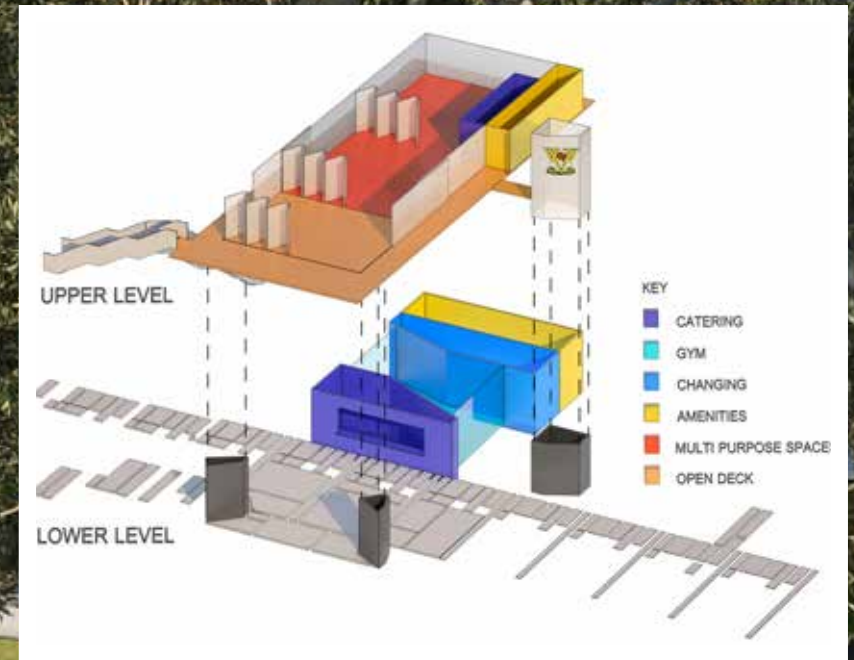
This once-in-a-generation philanthropic endeavour will transform learning, sporting, and cultural outcomes for Villanova College students, inviting our families and Old Boys to participate in the cultural life of the school as never before.

Help make it a reality.





CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN



“There is something to be learned, and it is not automatic, in both winning and losing.”

Rector Fr Michael Morahan OSA,
2000 Villanovan Magazine

VILLANOVA PARK

1948

Villanova College established at Whinstanes in Hamilton.



1954

Due to quick growth, College moves to Coorparoo, with 234 boys on the roll.



1962

Acting Rector Father Mahony purchases nine acres of land at Tingalpa for urgently needed playing fields. The site is named Villanova Park.



1965

Villanova Park officially opens with the first rugby match of the T.A.S Season on May 29. Several athletics carnivals are also held there this year.



2000

Tuckshop, functions area, and dressing sheds are renovated with help from parents and old boys.



2003

Playing Field 1 is renamed in honour of Villanova old boy and former Wallabies captain Andrew Slack.



2006

The Cor Unum Centre, designed by Fairweather Proberts Architects and funded by the One Mind, One Heart campaign, is unveiled at Villa Park. It incorporates a grandstand with a function centre, canteen, and bathroom facilities

2017

Fire destroys the Cor Unum Centre

2019

New west grandstand scheduled to open

Our future

With your support, the new Cor Unum function and learning centre opens

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For generations, Villanova Park (Villa Park) has been a gathering place for our community to share in the wins, losses, and excitement. Undoubtedly, it's been the site where great memories and lifelong friendships have been forged.

During the past two years I have heard from many that they miss congregating at Villa Park in the usual way, due to the catastrophic damage caused to the original Cor Unum Centre in 2017's fire.

I'm pleased to say that our new west grandstand will open this year, but there is a much bigger picture emerging for Villa Park. That's where this important community fundraising effort comes in to play – let's replace and enhance the Cor Unum Centre with a transformational vision fit for the 21st century.

With your help, we can build a new, purpose-built facility on the spot where the changing rooms and canteen currently sit. Complementing the new grandstand, it will be a place where the Villanova family can meet, reminisce, and celebrate our sporting and cultural achievements. Importantly, it will also be a place of year-round learning for both students and staff, incorporating a multipurpose space to embrace music, the creative arts, and the faith that unites us all.

Cor Unum translates as "one heart", and the College community has certainly treasured and supported Villa Park since its earliest days. In the 1965 edition of the Villanovan magazine, Rector Fr Kevin Burman wrote of a situation not dissimilar to our own. Back then, Old Boys and their families chipped in to build and finance Villa Park, so that it could become the special place it is today.

Let's create a new gathering place at Villa Park, for today, and the generations to come. One which provides the same opportunities and experiences that so many have enjoyed before.

Mr Mark Stower

Principal



“Hardly any of this would have been possible except for the generosity of two anonymous donors, and the Old Boys’ Association...Add to those generous donations the skill, enthusiasm, and dedication of the men on the working bee and you have the explanation of truly remarkable achievement at Villanova Park this year. Without the money and the machinery there would not have been much done; without the hard work and loyalty of the men on the working bees there would have been nothing done.”

Rector Fr Kevin Burman OSA

– Villanovan Magazine 1965



Members of the 1967 Villanova College grade 7 rugby team, including future Wallaby captain Andrew Slack (front row, third from left). Photo courtesy Jim Moloney (back row, far left).

THE COLLEGE WAR CRY

The college war cry was created by Fr John Seary OSA, Villanova's first sportsmaster. Originally written in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria (where Fr Seary had been stationed), it reads:

*Our school ... advance!
Our school is a great one,
It has honour and prestige,
Who will surpass it? I wouldn't know!
Because it's always to the fore,
Villanova, attention!
Villanova, forward march!
Advance, advance, advance!
Our school ... advance!*

FROM THE VILLANOVA COLLEGE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

I grew up at Villa Park, where my sisters and I accompanied our father on countless Saturday mornings. We were a fixture on the sidelines, although there was one memorable occasion where, as a toddler, I snuck on to the field during a game before I was caught.

Dad is known to most as Mr Quinn, having recently retired after almost 50 years of service to Villanova College. Like many Villanova teachers, he proudly volunteered to coach team sport, a tradition that has enriched so many families, including my own. These days, my sons play rugby and soccer at Villa Park, as do my nephews.

Villa Park means many things to many people in our community, and I'm proud that this important and unique space is a major focus for the new Villanova College Foundation. The Foundation committee commenced meetings in February 2018, and has taken the time to put the right governance structures and membership in place. Our remit is to build a sustainable, successful fundraising arm for the College.

Villanova College as we know it would not exist without the generosity of generations of parents, families, and Old Boys. Drawing on that tradition, this campaign is the first of many that will be spearheaded by the Foundation as it works to secure the best educational experience for current and future students.

The new Cor Unum concept images provide a taste of how Villa Park will be transformed by this project, and not just on Saturdays. I look forward to hearing about your own Villa Park memories, and ideas for what could be, as we work together to reach our ambitious fundraising goals.

Paula Hctor BA LLB(Hons) LLM

Villanova College Foundation Committee Chair



“The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation.”

St Augustine

MAKING A GIFT – PLANNING FOR NOW, ADVANCING OUR FUTURE

When you choose to partner with the Villanova College Foundation, you create opportunities for current and future generations of Villanovans; you support the development of educators who will inspire future leaders; you help deliver first-class programs and facilities; and you ensure the future sustainability of our great College.

Regardless of size, every gift is appreciated, and will have a deep and enduring impact. Gifts are fully tax deductible and can be pledged over several years, with 100% of your gift always going towards the fund of your choice. In the case of Villa Park and replacement Cor Unum Centre, the DGR fund is the Villanova College Foundation Building Fund, ABN: 87 979 330 614.

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Alternatively, you might wish to discuss your gift in person. To arrange a confidential appointment please contact the Foundation Manager directly at foundation@vnc.qld.edu.au

During the fundraising effort, donors will be honoured on the new west grandstand, scheduled to open mid-2019, with a permanent Honour Wall to be erected in the future Cor Unum precinct.





LET'S KICK THE WINNING GOAL

The Cor Unum Centre project marks a new chapter for Villanova Park. Together as a team, we'll create a 21st century Cor Unum facility for the school Community to enjoy, to celebrate, and to learn. For more information please contact:

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“It’s for good reason that there is a heart at the very centre of our College crest, and no mistake that we sing of love in our school song, hence the Seniors’ promise to embrace our motto: ‘Where passion lies, success follows’. What are the things stopping us achieving the goals we set ourselves? I’m a strong believer that the only thing stopping us attaining our true potential is our own minds, a lack of determination, or self-belief. I challenge you to place your mark on this year, achieve the things you thought impossible, push the limits and surprise yourself.”

Matthew Rolls, College Captain – 2019 Welcome Mass