



THE MILDURA SCHOOLS LANDS TRUST

a Vision for the Future

OUR LEGACY, OUR CHILDREN



An open letter to all parents and guardians of St Joseph's College

Tuesday, 31 January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is about the Mildura Schools Lands Trust (often called College Lease) and how it works for our school and your children.

Each year our school receives money from this trust.

In 2022 we received \$149,327.40.

Your School Council used this money to assist with the construction of the new Basketball Courts and cover at the Enright Campus.

Trust money is additional to funding we get from both the State and Federal Governments, and any additional funds or contributions.

Every Victorian primary and secondary school in Sunraysia, and therefore every student, benefits from the money raised by this trust. How much each school receives is based on how many students attend that school.

SOME INFORMATION & HISTORY

Our trust was formed in 1916 and it is the most unique, community education trust in Australia.

Mildura Schools Lands is a trust that owns 183 parcels of land spread throughout Mildura city and the original irrigation area. Each land title is leased for fifty years. Leases can be bought and sold, and developed by the lessee, with approval from council. Commercial rental from each lease raises the money for schools. The Chaffey brothers first allocated these lands, and it was then legislated for in 1916. In Jan 2011 it became a part of the Education act.

A representative beneficiaries' committee works to protect and improve the trust.

This committee works with the trusts manager (Sandhurst Trustees), the community and the Department of Education to ensure that the trust is secure for the benefit of all Sunraysia students.

If you would like further information, please ask your principal.

The trust was established in 1916 by the Chaffey Brothers for local education.