In the last ten years, Malyon College has birthed three Centres: Malyon Leadership, Malyon Traverse and Malyon Workplace. We identified these three areas in which we felt God was calling Malyon with its expertise and passion to make a significant contribution to the Christian community and the culture in which it is situated.

First, we established Malyon Leadership because we saw that churches were struggling to raise up new leaders for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. We were concerned that with the departure of the baby boomer leaders, the church would be left with insufficient leadership, and we wanted to help churches raise up and equip a new generation of leaders. The focus of Malyon Leadership over the last ten years has been on developing younger potential Christian leaders and younger pastoral leaders and we are seeing a significant impact.

Next we instigated Malyon Traverse as God brought two unique factors together. The first was a number of unsolicited gifts we received towards training in evangelism and apologetics. The second was the availability of Dave Benson (previously evangelism pastor at Kenmore Baptist) who was embarking on a doctorate in the use of sacred texts in secular education. Dave had studied at Trinity and was both a very gifted apologist and passionate for a church that seriously engaged and challenged culture. Malyon Traverse is working to bridge the gap between the church and the culture that surrounds it so that Christians can have greater confidence in the gospel and influence in their communities.

Most recently, we launched Malyon Workplace when we recognized that there was a huge need in Australia for Christians to be equipped in whole-of-life discipleship, but few churches or Christian movements were providing significant support or resources for them. Although Malyon Workplace has only been operating for two years, its Director, Murray Wright, has helped to establish great worldwide networks and we have been able to resource and encourage many churches to equip their church families for workplace and frontline discipleship.

All of this has been achieved with the support of a few generous donors. We made a commitment from the start that we would not use student fees to subsidize our Centres. We felt that our student fees needed to be invested in developing quality formal theological education. So our Centres have been completely independently funded.

However, as the opportunities for and demands on our Centres grow, we have been dipping significantly into our accumulated Centre reserves. We recognize that without a strong increase in financial support, our Centres will have a very limited lifespan.

For this reason, I would sincerely ask that you consider supporting one of the Malyon Centres in their significant ministry to Christians and the culture in which we live.

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