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Tony and Nick Dyer Bursary

Anthony David Dyer and Nicholas Kevin Dyer were educated at St Laurence’s College, Brisbane along with an older brother George and a younger brother Henry. Their father was a Lebanese immigrant, whose own childhood had been lost to tragedy and poverty, resulting in a long voyage to a new land seeking a better future. He believed in education and Christianity. He sent his sons to St Laurence’s College, and raised his family, working tirelessly towards their future and security.

St Laurence’s College was a gateway to a different life and Tony and Nick embraced the opportunity. Rather than be handicapped by their family’s economic circumstances they approached life with an energy and vigour that manifested itself as ambition and curiosity for the world and all it had to offer. They followed their father into business and developed a close friendship and partnership that was to mark their lives forever. They were ever conscious of their good fortune and the value of hard, honest work. They remained committed to the Church and its care for the less fortunate and those who struggle against misfortune.

The Tony and Nick Dyer Bursary recognises the hardship associated with starting a new life in a new country. It should reward those whose own families are not in a position, or of a mind, to support them towards a better future. Tony and Nick always saw the funny side of life and had a kind word for all. The candidate should also be considerate of his fellow man/woman and see in his own future a possibility to contribute to others.

Tony attended St Laurence’s College from 1931-1936 and Nick from 1933-1938.