Background –

A. John Jefferson Bray, A.C., Q.C., (‘donor’) died on 26 June 1995 and under the terms of his Will dated 12 February 1992 bequeathed a pecuniary legacy of $15,000 to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

‘I BEQUEATH the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($15,000) to the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE UPON TRUST to apply the same in such manner as the Department of Classics shall think fit in and towards the advancement of the study of the ancient Greek and Latin languages and ancient Greek and Latin literature and history.’

B. Dr. John Bray was born on 16 September 1912 in Adelaide and was educated at St Peters College, Hackney, and the University of Adelaide where he studied Law. He won a Stow Prize for his law studies in 1930 and the David Murray Prize for law in both 1931 and 1932. He took his Bachelor of Laws in 1932 and Honours Law in 1933. While working full-time as a lawyer he undertook a doctorate in laws and was awarded the degree in 1937, winning the Bonython Prize. Dr Bray was appointed Queens Counsel in 1967 and was appointed Chief Justice of South Australia that year, a position he held until his retirement in 1978. He was Chancellor of the University of Adelaide from 1968 to 1983.

C. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘J J Bray Estate Prize Classics’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the bequest of the donor.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

(a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor(s); and

(b) to establish a prize in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

Whereas the Honourable JJ Bray bequeathed a sum of money to the University in 1996 to further the study of Classical Studies, the following rules are hereby made:

(1) The prize shall be called the JJ Bray Prize for First Year Classical Studies
(2) The value of the prize shall be $100, unless otherwise determined by the Faculty.

(3) The prize shall be awarded to the student who attains the highest mark in Level 1 Classical Studies courses, excluding ancient language courses.

(4) If in any particular year, the examiners consider that no candidates are of worthy merit, then no prize shall be awarded.

(5) If in any particular year, the examiners deem that two or more candidates are of equal merit, the prize shall be divided equally amongst the worthy candidates.

(6) These rules may be changed from time to time, but the title and general purpose of the prize shall not be changed.