



SACRED HEART COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Welcome to this second report from the School Advisory Council for the 2016 year.

The third term for the Sacred Heart College Advisory Council has been busy, with the main focus being:

- consolidating the work done earlier in the year by the sub committees and
- developing the college's five year Strategic Plan.

The Subcommittees play an important role at the school, meeting regularly to keep abreast of the issues facing their area of focus. The Planning and Facilities Subcommittee, lead by Anthony Baldasso, oversaw the commencement of building works on the Master Plan first stage. The subcommittee is well underway on the planning for next stage of the Master Plan and we look forward to the decision on the timing of the works commencing on the next stage. The existing project is progressing well and we look forward to some better Spring weather.

The Finance Subcommittee, with Jordon Beale as Chairperson, presented last year's financial accounts and this year's budget. Both were approved by the Advisory Council.

The Finance Subcommittee reported the school's finances are in a very strong position as we push on the with the Master Plan, thanks in part to the planning work done by Business Manager, Tony Grant. With Tony leaving the school after nineteen years, all members of the College's Subcommittees would like to thank Tony for his assistance over many years and wish him all the best for the future.

Our newest Subcommittee, Health and Well-being, is lead by Monica Evans. Monica has been working with the leadership team at the College to establish the Terms of Reference for the committee and initially focusing on student well-being. Longer term the Subcommittee will focus on whole of school well-being.

The importance of school policies as part of the governance process is acknowledged at each meeting, when we are briefed by Jenny Griffiths representing the Policy Subcommittee. The Policy Subcommittee always present well thought out and up to date policies and we thank them for their effort in this area. With an increased emphasis on health and well-being at the Advisory Council, we are privileged to have Jenny and Monica review policies on student welfare.

Anna Negro and I appreciate the time and effort the subcommittee members and Advisory Council members dedicate to assisting the school as volunteers. With almost all involved working full time and other commitments, it can be difficult to juggle their time. To this end, I would like to thank Jason Doherty for his time in establishing the Communications Subcommittee. Due to his other commitments, Jason resigned from the Advisory Council and we look forward to benefitting from his initial work.

With the assistance of the school's leadership team, the Advisory Council spent the latter part of the term working on the five year strategic plan. To allow stakeholders with the opportunity to provide input to the Strategic Review, we engaged Lisa Kingman (consultant) to facilitate a workshop. Attendees at the workshop were the Advisory Council, Jemma Wayth (Alumni President) and Cherie Ford (Scholarship Committee Chairperson). The workshop was very effective and the results will be finalised in early 2017. The outcomes will be limited to no more than four key strategies and they will be monitored to measure how well they have been implemented. The success of the strategy session was due to:

- Lisa's and the participants enthusiasm and
- the work done during a fact finding session with the leadership team earlier in the year. The earlier session enabled the College's leadership team to present to all Advisory Council members and Subcommittee members on the current position of the school.

We look forward to the last term of the school year and finalizing the Strategic Plan.

On behalf of the Advisory Council members, we look forward to continuing to assist Anna to provide the students with a positive experience at Sacred Heart College.

Philip Anglin

Council Chair