



SACRED HEART COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

The first half of the 2017 year has been a very productive time for Sacred Heart College and the College Advisory Council. During my second year as Chair, the College Advisory Council has focussed on the following key areas:

- The completion of Stage 1 of The Court Precinct (in line with the College's Masterplan); now focussing on Stage 2
- Building on the skills-based membership of the College Advisory Council

Whilst the Masterplan was many years in the making, the completion of Stage 1 of the STEAM building has been well received by everyone. There have been contributions by many to reach this stage, the College Advisory Council would like to thank the Planning and Facilities Subcommittee, led by Anthony Baldasso, for their time and effort in assisting with the key planning and construction decisions. Anna recently obtained approval from the Mercy Education Board to commence Stage 2 of the Court Precinct. The demolition works will commence during the mid-term break. If you have not visited the innovative learning spaces in the new building, I encourage you to come and explore when the opportunities arise.

Last year we welcomed new members to the College Advisory Council:

Monica Evans in the role of health and well-being representative (Team Leader at Healthy Workplaces and Children at Healthy Together Geelong). Monica has done a great job leading the subcommittee as it explores the school's role in such an important aspect of a student's development during their school years.

Jordon Beale as the finance representative (Barwon Health) is working with the finance team on longer term projections to ensure learning and building projects are well funded.

Pauline Braniff (Communications Consultant) joined the College Advisory Council as the Communications representative this year and with her wealth of experience we look forward to improved communication across the many forms of media available in the fast-paced world of technology.

Dr Joe Fleming has been assisting the Policy Subcommittee and this year has moved into the role of Chairperson. We appreciate Joe and his team's expertise and diligence in reviewing the policies for the school.

Finally, the Council appointed Jennifer Falco (Strategic Change Expert, Telstra) as Chairperson of the Strategy Subcommittee. This subcommittee's key role is to monitor and assist with the measurement of outcomes arising from the SHC 2020 Strategic Plan developed by the College Advisory Council and the School Leadership Team last year.

Other members of the College Advisory Council, Gael Perry, Sr Joan Wilson and Catherine Middlemiss (Director of Development, Marketing and Communications), have provided Anna and I with comfort that the College Advisory Council can assist the School's leadership team guide the school to the new age of learning.

From a personal perspective, I will continue to support Anna's search to develop education experiences for students. I recently returned from a trade mission to Israel, arguably the most innovative economy in the world for its size. The focus of the mission was technology and innovation. A key part of Israel's success is the importance placed on education at all levels as part of their economies Eco-System. During the trip, I reflected on the potential the strategic partnership with Deakin University provides for the College as the move from school to university becomes less defined. The strategic alliance and new

learning spaces being created at the school has Sacred Heart College well placed to assist the girls prepare for the fast-changing global economy, with the skills required for the modern workforce.

On a local level, Catherine Middlemiss and I attended the Committee for Geelong, International Speaker Series, *Winning from Second* Industry forum with guest presenter Futurist, Bernard Salt (KPMG). The presentation focussed on the future of Geelong in terms of industry, population growth and other changes such as demographics. The insights provided by the presentation on Australia and the Geelong region (set to nearly double in the next 30 years as well as Western Melbourne adding more than one million people) confirmed the need for the College to be progressive in its thinking and change agile environment.

I am sure everyone would agree that the first half of the year has gone quickly. The College Advisory Council looks forward to the second half of the year, and will focus on:

1. Supporting Anna and the Leadership Team on investigating learning methods for the modern world
2. The implications of the Gonski School Funding Legislation
3. Monitoring outcomes from the strategic plan, and
4. Ensuring that we stay true to our Mercy Ethos and education values.

On behalf of the Advisory Council members, we look forward to updating you on our progress at the end of the year.

Philip Anglin
College Advisory Council Chair