



2024-11-18 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING

PRINCIPAL REPORT

What a year it has been at St John Bosco College with so many joyful events, as we celebrated our 10th year in Piara Waters! Students, staff and our College Community have enjoyed so many “La Dolce Vita” moments throughout the year. It has been an enormous journey over the last 10 years to build such a magnificent modern 21st century learning environment so that our students can continue to experience “Joy in Learning” in every aspect of being a student at the College. Of course, this cannot be achieved without our staff and Bosco Community working collaborating together to achieve the best possible outcome for every individual student. This partnership is critical to the young people in our care today and together we must journey with them to dream big and achieve some of their dreams.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for sharing their gifts to create a flourishing environment at the College. As we continue to increase our staff and student population, I am blessed to have such a creative, talented hard working leadership team who continue to plan every day to achieve the best possible outcomes but who also are future focused and strategic in looking forward to the next few years at Bosco. Thank you, Mrs Renee Lea, Miss Chrystal Leavers, Mrs Michelle O’Neill, Miss Miranda Dempsey, Mr Andrew Donaldson, Mrs Maggie Burton, Mrs Michelle Grove, Mr Steve Johnson and Mr Tommy Ting.

As a staff we have had many wonderful professional learning opportunities this year. Father Chris Ford SDB was a highlight as he inspired us to show loving kindness and work from the heart as we nurture our students to achieve to their potential. Staff have also commenced a series of professional learning days on the Berry St Educational model to assist us in our pastoral care of our Bosco students.

Mrs Burton and her team have instantaneously shared the joys of every event in our 10th year on social media. There have been so many wonderful joyful experiences for our Bosco students. Amongst the highlights were: our student performances as part of the Catholic Performing Arts where many of our Bosco students received accolades, including a Special Award for Solo Speech and Drama and our Bosco Band received the Knights of the Southern Cross Award. Our first production, Matilda Junior the Musical was spectacular and together with our Dance Showcase allowed our Bosco students to display their many talents. Our first Bosco Fete as part of our Tenth Anniversary Celebrations organised by staff and students and Friends of SJB Quiz Night were joyful events. Science Week, Bookweek, Italian Week and our Bosco Arts and Technologies Exhibition were a huge success. Our Year Six Gate Enrichment Team came First in the Scitech Challenge Day and our Senior Team won the ANSTO National Science Week Hackathon. Many students excelled in sport this year, including our Bosco Saints Netball Teams and our ACC Athletics Team who won the overall shield in Division H.

We are delighted that Father Mark and Father Grant have been able to spread the ‘Joy of the Gospel’ amongst the students and staff, here at Bosco, by celebrating Masses, Liturgies and engaging with students. Our Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 students were overjoyed to be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Errol celebrated his first Mass at the College on the Feast Day of one of our House Patrons,

St Maria Mazzarello. Our Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco at the College celebrated by Father Mark was a highlight for everyone present. Thank you to the team at St Francis Xavier and the Parish Community for all the support and guidance they continue to give to us. Thank you to Sister Lisette and the Schoenstatt Sisters for the spiritual guidance that they give to the students and staff at St John Bosco.

Thank you to our College Advisory Council: Chair Miss Erin Parry, Deputy Chair Mrs Siminette Meyer, Treasurer Mr Brett Mallott, Secretary Mrs Cassandra Carr, Friends of St John Bosco Rep Mrs Hailee Norwood, Council Members Mr Daniel Fonseca and Mr Joe Francis for the advice and support they give to me as the Principal. Thank you to our Friends of SJBC Committee: Chair Mrs Kylie O'Neill, Secretary Mrs Jonnelle McPherson, Treasurer Mrs Belinda Law, Friends of St John Bosco Rep Mrs Hailee Norwood and Committee Member Danial Newbey for the Friend Raising and Fundraising that they do to benefit the students at Bosco. I would also like to thank our many class, parent and grandparent volunteers who continue to work together to make St John Bosco the special community it is.

We wish Mr Jackson Bennett-Surtees who in commenced in 2022, Ms Ella Smith (2023), Miss Gemma Johnson (2023), Mr Cooper Smith and Mrs Nicole Goff (2024), many blessings as they take on new adventures in 2025 and beyond. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to building this flourishing environment and using your gifts and talents and "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" to bring joy to the students in your care at Bosco.

Jackson has excelled as Head of the Arts and will lead the Sacramental Program and teach in Year 3 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel School in Hilton.

Ella has worked joyfully and with loving kindness with her Year 1 students over the past 2 years and will now experience the joy of living and working in the UK and travelling to other countries.

Gemma has worked as part of a dynamic team in Community and Engagement with Maggie and Anke and will continue her experience working in Northam.

Nicole has worked beautifully with the early years team in Kindy and will return to Salvado CC to teach Kindergarten.

Cooper has worked energetically with our Upper Primary Team and will do a B Ed (Secondary) at UNDA.

A special Bosco welcome to the 9 new talented staff who will join our Bosco Team in 2025.

Primary Education Assistant:

Baronjay Bolton

Secondary Teaching:

Zikang Jiang- Mathematics

Mitchell Thompson- Physics, Science and Mathematics

Rachael Lucas- Home Sciences

Grace Camarda- HaSS

Gianluca Pezzino- HPE and Soccer Specialist

Lauren Pronk- Visual Art and Religious Education

Samantha Potter- English

Secondary Leadership:

Head of Year: Lee-Anne Marroccoli

We look forward to journeying together in our 11th year when at last, we will be a Pre-Kindy to Year 12 co-educational Catholic College. Together, united as one, we can be pilgrims with young people anchored in hope to achieve their dreams. Our Bosco staff wish you the many "childlike joyous" moments that the Birth of Jesus at Christmas time has to offer and wish you many "Joy Gelato" celebrations with your family and friends as you ring in the new year in 2025

Yours in Christ

Kevin Sheehy

Principal