



## **2022-11-21 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Good Evening everyone and welcome to the Annual College Community meeting for the St John Bosco College Advisory Council.

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Whadjuk Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country we all live in and share together – Australia.”

When comparing this year to previous years, it has certainly been a ‘quieter’ year for the council. We held our first few meetings via zoom – we weren’t going to let a global pandemic stop our work! When Kevin went on Long Service Leave, we enjoyed having Chrystal, Michelle, Miranda and Renee join us for those meetings.

The first actions for our new members, Cassie, Joe and Brett were to complete the Catholic School Advisory Council Induction. Due to Covid, this annual networking event became a riveting, late night webinar. We are certainly hoping that future sessions will be conducted in person.

It is not an election year so the visits from politicians that seemed to happen every month last year have reduced.

The Building program continued although with a few delays. Stage 4C of the Library Resource Centre and Administration upgrade is looking amazing, although it did not meet the planned finish date of October 2022, fingers crossed for December 2022.

Stage 5 of the building plan which is the Gym had a few setbacks. Mainly due to budget constraints and builders being able to source products for the build. As a result, the start of the build was delayed while the architects worked with the College to reduce the expenditure. The tender process started in May and the build was finally started in October.

In May, the council was able to participate in a Capital Development application for Stage 6 of the build. This consisted of a 2-storey general learning area (which was deferred from stage 5), a café which was also initially planned for stage 5 and technologies building. Unfortunately, only the 12 classrooms were approved and we will need to continue the dreaded school lunch prep every morning. We will keep trying!

We had also planned to have an official opening of the recently completed buildings and invite representatives from Catholic Education and the State and Federal Government, but those plans are on hold until 2023. Hopefully we will get to showcase the great work the community of St John Bosco College has done over the years.

It is unfortunate but unavoidable that in Daniel’s Treasurer report he will be breaking the news that there will be small fee increase next year. He has done the calculations and will be able to explain the impact the fee increase will have on families. I will say to anyone that dreads that piece of pink paper in the mail each year, consider the payment plan option. I have been

paying my sons fees off each fortnight and I think I have just about paid off Year 12 for him now.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Friends of St John Bosco. Kylie, Jennifer, Hayley and Belinda have organised great events and fundraisers for the College this year. I would also like to thank the class reps and other parents and carers that support them. I would like to extend a special thank you to Siminette who attends both Friends and Council meetings and acts as the 'go-between' between the two groups in her role.

I would like to thank the people on the Advisory council, it has been a quiet year, but I promise they aren't always! Thanks to the great team of Wendy, Cassie, Daniel, Siminette, Brett and Joe. Looking forward to continuing our work for the college next year.

Finally thank you to the staff of St John Bosco College who take such good care of our children and encourage and guide them on their educational journey. The staff are an amazing group of dedicated professionals, as seen by their presence at College events, organisation of after-hours activities and commitment to helping make our children be the best people they can be.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Erin Parry