



## **2022-11-21 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING**

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

St John Bosco College is very different to when the journey began in our first year in 2015, with 11 staff and 124 students. In 2023, we will have in excess of 1000 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 10 and 110 staff. We have had many wonderful opportunities for our Bosco students and staff in 2022 in the pillars of Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship. In keeping with the spirit of St John Bosco, whereby “education is largely a matter of the heart” that leads young people to “know that they are loved”, Bosco needs to be a community of today that is challenged to be: “a home that welcomes, a parish that evangelises, a College that prepares for life and a playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves”.

I always feel very blessed to have the support of our Bosco Staff and Community to assist me in growing a Catholic, joyous Bosco Community. Thank you to our talented, dedicated staff who continue to nourish the students in their care, creating a flourishing environment here at the College and providing exciting educational experiences, that enable their students to thrive in their learning. As a Leadership Team we are strategic in our planning and visionary in our decision making in the management and future growth and development of St John Bosco College. A huge thank you to Mrs Renee Lea, Miss Chrystal Leavers, Mrs Michelle O’Neill, Miss Miranda Dempsey, Mrs Maggie Burton, Mrs Michelle Grove, Mr Tommy Ting and Mr Steve Johnson.

I am delighted to introduce 18 new talented staff who will join our Bosco Team in 2023:

#### **Library Resource Centre**

Library Officer: Mrs Emma Da Silva

#### **Primary Education Assistants:**

Ms Jade Parsons, Miss Jordana Crane and Mrs Denusha Amersinghe

#### **Secondary Education Assistant:**

Mrs Savreet Kaur

#### **Primary Teaching:**

Ms Tara Peters and Miss Ella Smith

#### **Secondary Teaching:**

Miss Bianca Gaglia, Miss Emilie Gawley, Miss Georgia Steel, Miss Keely Mabarrack and Ms Maggie Speelman

## **Secondary Leadership:**

Head of Mathematics: Mr Stephen Julian

Head of English: Mrs Kelly Toma

Head of HaSS: Ms Laura Shaughnessy

Head of Technologies: Mrs Malinda Herbertson

Head of Careers and Vet: Mrs Maureen Johnson

Head of Year 10: Mr Jordan Naylor

We wish Mr Marc de Lima who in commenced in 2020, Miss Jessica Klessens (2021) and Ms Hayley Lynch (2022), many blessings as they take on new adventures in 2023 and beyond.

Marc has shown exemplary leadership in assisting to establish the Secondary years at St John Bosco College. Marc always has student pastoral wellbeing at the centre of his teaching and will now showcase his leadership skills at Emmanuel CC. Jessica has shared her love of learning in the early years. It is always a pleasure to visit and witness the excitement amongst her students on a daily basis. I am sure she will carry this enthusiasm to St Benedict's School in Applecross. Hayley works as a Secondary Education Assistant and shows loving care and compassion for the students whom she works with. 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.

We are delighted that Father Mark has been able to continue to spread the 'Joy of the Gospel' amongst the students and staff, here at Bosco. Our Year 3 and Year 4 students were overjoyed to be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of Eucharist and our Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation was very special thanks to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB DD and Father Mark. Our Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco, celebrated by Father Mark at St Francis Xavier was again very special. It is inspirational to witness our Bosco Choirs having an opportunity to sing at the Sacramental Masses. Thank you to the St Francis Xavier Parish Community and Sister Lisette for all the support and guidance they continue to give to our Bosco Community in our faith journey in this ever-changing world.

Our College Advisory Council has continued to be a great support to me and the College, as we work collaboratively together to provide for the present and future needs of a growing Catholic College. We have a new Library Resource Centre, extension to Administration and the Gymnasium has commenced. Thank you to our current Advisory Council members: Chair Miss Erin Parry, Treasurer Mr Daniel Fonseca, Secretary Mrs Cassandra Carr, St Francis Xavier Rep to the Advisory Council Mrs Wendy Mongan, Friends of St John Bosco Rep Mrs Siminette Meyer, Mr Brett Mallott and Mr Joe Francis and for their hard work, support and guidance.

Our Friends of St John Bosco continue to work collaboratively together to promote friend raising and fundraising in our Bosco Community. Thank you to our President Mrs Kylie O'Neill and fellow Executive Team members Mrs Hayley Woodrow, Ms Jennifer Hebden, Mrs Belinda Law and Mrs Siminette Meyer who work endlessly to ensure the success of all our wonderful fundraising events. 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.

Thank you to all our Bosco families for sharing the “JOY IN LEARNING” with us this in 2022 and allowing the Bosco staff to work with you as partners in educating your children. We look forward to a collaborative partnership with our Bosco Community in 2023.

The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season and ask Our Loving Father to bless our Bosco families this Christmas and keep us safe, as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Sheehy

Principal