



BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT 2018

The Catholic School Board Constitution states that the Board's general objective is to help the Catholic school fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) and the Diocesan religious education program.

Part of the Board's mission is to protect the values of the College following Bosco's teaching approach based on love and our motto 'joy in learning'. These core elements are what makes St John Bosco College what it is, a truly unique learning environment for our children to grow and help them prosper in the future.

Also, the Board ensures that there is good financial governance in place so that the College is well positioned financially for the short and long term.

This oversight helps create a platform for our Principal Kevin Sheehy and his team to run the day to day operations of the College, with focused attention on our children.

This year you have had the following people faithfully working on the Board on your behalf: Father Joseph Tran, Father Anthony Vu, Kevin Sheehy, Rachael Hingley-Wilson, Daniel Fonseca, Pamela Taylor, Erin Parry, Brian Mutete, Julia Mallott, Sharon O'Neill-Brown, Nicholas Morgan and myself.

I would like to thank them all for their time and participation over this past year.

As we conclude our fourth year at St John Bosco, tonight's AGM is an opportunity to look back on 2018 as well as to elect both the Friends of St John Bosco Executive and the Board for the coming year.

This January we said goodbye to Father Kaz. He had been our Parish Priest since the conception of our College. We would like to recognise the religious guidance and attention he gave our children and community.

The College then welcomed Father Joseph and Father Anthony as our Parish Priests. Our community have been blessed to have such dynamic and engaging spiritual leadership. The children have truly been enchanted and they look forward to their visits every Tuesday. We understand they have a large Parish to accommodate and we value all the time they can provide to our community.

The Board has been busy with the planning of remaining stages 4 and 5 of the College build. The planning committee including Kevin, the College Leadership and myself attended a meeting at Catholic Education of Western Australia (CEWA) in May with the architects, CEWA management and CEWA accountants to discuss costing, planning and staging of stages 4a/b and 5a/b. There is a lot of forward planning to achieve the design principles that suit our College and students along with staging requirements that are driven by funding restrictions. The planning committee have continued to visit a large variety of Colleges around WA to ensure that our Year 7-12 campus implements the best teaching and learning spaces available.

In term 2, Kevin had a well-deserved break taking his required long service leave. In his absence for the term, we had the pleasure of Mrs Dianne Scoble as Short-Term Principal.

She had been the Short-Term Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Goomalling prior to coming to us. Dianne's substantive position is as Assistant Principal at Our Lady's Assumption School, Dianella. Dianne had a very busy term with Year 3 Reconciliation, Year 4 Eucharist, stage 3a/b construction tenders closing, assemblies, Friends of St John Bosco meetings, enrolment interviews, staffing adjustments and cross country.

Dianne reflected on her time at the College. 'She advised that she had received a warm welcome and noted that the culture is classic and beautiful, noting that we should be proud of what we have.'

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful job she did in Kevin's absence.

Stages 3a/b construction phase of the Science Learning Centre and the Practical and Creative Arts-Technology and Enterprise building tenders closed 24th May 2018. Sanpro was awarded the contract for the building of these 2 stages. They had also built the previous stage 2. Fortunately with the change in the financial climate, the tender value was lower than what had been expected. This has allowed the construction of the Secondary College Oval and the formation of the hockey/soccer pitches to be brought forward into this staging. This is very exciting for our first Year 7 students.

Construction of stage 3a/b is now well underway. Progress is tracking as per their expected building program. In Stage 3a, the Science Learning Centre needs to be completed by the end of June 2019 to meet funding requirements. This deadline has to be met. This building can then be handed over to the College for their use and enjoyment for the remainder of 2019.

With the commencement of the Secondary, marketing has been stepped up to create awareness so that we can achieve more enrolments for Year 7 in 2020. Also an open day was hosted which did achieve numerous enrolments. We ask that the community continue to advertise and promote our College.

The new accounting accrual system that our Dean of Finance Trish Daniels attended training on in 2017 was supposed to be implemented this year. Review of the system has been done over the last year and the system will be implemented for 2019. The Board would like to acknowledge what an amazing job Trish does for the College.

Thank you Nicolle, her Executive Team and all the members of the Friends of St John Bosco for all that have been achieved this year. There has been a number of successful and community supported fundraising activities. These fundraising efforts provide valuable resources for our children's learning journeys and are truly appreciated. I would encourage you all to provide your support to the Executive Team in 2019.

The Board would like to sincerely thank our Principal Kevin, our staff, our students and our community of dedicated parents, grandparents, carers and volunteers for all their immense efforts over the last 12 months, in the past and the future.

Although everyone is busy these days, it makes the commitment shown by the Board, Friends of St John Bosco and all volunteers within the College all the more appreciated. What makes our College unique is "Community". Whether it is an academic or athletics competition, this sense of community is clearly apparent. People just care and I think we are all fortunate to be involved at St John Bosco.

I wish everyone gathered here tonight a wonderful conclusion to the year and a very Merry Christmas.

Tracy Marshall
Board Chair 2018