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2021-11-22 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING

ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the 2021 Annual Community Meeting of St John Bosco College. My name is Erin Parry and I am the chairperson of the St John Bosco College Advisory Council.

I will keep the report to the four words everyone has been waiting for... We got the gym!

Tonight's meeting is an opportunity to look back on the year and the challenges we have worked through, as well as celebrate the success of the College.

To begin with, I would like to acknowledge my fellow council members. Kevin as Principal of the College, Rachael in the role of secretary, Daniel for his work with the finances, Tracy for continuing to head up the building and planning sub-committee and Wendy as Parish Representative. I would also like to thank Joanne who was part of the council in her role as the Friends of St John Bosco Representative.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Rachael and Tracy. They have been a part of the College Board and now Advisory Council for six consecutive years, the maximum term a person can serve. Hopefully after a break they will re-join the Council as their experience, skillset and wisdom has been an asset to the Council.

We started this year optimistic that we had seen the end of lockdowns and interruptions from Covid-19. That was not the case, but we did manage to utilise everyone's well developed Zoom skills to keep our meeting schedules.

Stage 4a and 4b of the building program has been completed. This is the six general teaching areas and the reflection space with the beautiful statue of St John Bosco. 4C is underway which is the double storey library resource centre and new admin building.

In June, we participated in a Capital Funding Assistance panel to gain approval for Stage 5 of the build. This is the build that will include the gym. We found out in August that we were successful.

We now look to what we can include in Stage 6 of the build, with thoughts of a Technology and Enterprise Centre, additional facilities for Dance, Drama, Media and Art and more general teaching spaces.

The College also presented the Student Code of Conduct to the Advisory Council. It was great to see the students take ownership and outline the behaviours they expect of each other. Through Kevin, we were presented with the analysis of 2021 NAPLAN results and we are happy with the progress the College is making towards improving students' educational outcomes

The Council also participated in the Principal review process. We evaluated Kevin's performance in Leading Catholic Identity, Leading Teaching and Learning, Engaging and Working with the Community, Developing Self and Others, and Leading the Management of the College.

Recently we had an audience with the Honourable Matt Keogh, Federal member for Burt and the Honourable Terry Healy Southern River MLA. Along with other Board Chairs, we were able to raise pressing issues currently affecting schools in the area. While we were in the unique position of not having aging facilities, we all share similar issues with other schools in regard to carparks and accessibility. We also expressed frustrations with access to health and education services such as paediatricians, speech and occupational therapists and mental health supports.

I would also like to congratulate the Friends of St John Bosco for all the work they do which was also recognised by CEWA who awarded them a Certificate in Excellence in Building Positive Catholic School Communities.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Council in my two-year term. 2021 has certainly finished better than it started and I am glad we got to have at least one lot of school holidays this year not impacted by lockdowns. Here's hoping for a mask and lockdown free summer break and everyone enjoys safe and happy holidays.

Erin Parry

Advisory Council Chair