



Friends of St John Bosco

2018 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY REPORT

It was a new year for us all and it came with a lot of changes throughout the year. However, a lot of 'joy in learning' took place for the Friends of St John Bosco!

The focus for 2018 was 'Friend-Raising' and it has been great to get to know so many lovely members of our College community.

A big thank you has to go to Erin Parry, Samantha Laine and Chereena Horne who were on the Executive Committee for 2018. I have enjoyed working with you all and I could not have done it without you. A special mention to Tenille Lee and Catharine Alweyn who served on the Exec for the start of the year.

To Kevin, Chrystal and Sara, we want to say a huge thank you for your support, advice and help throughout the year. Thank you for all the time you spend away from home for Friends related activities and answering my emails at late hours of the night. Also, to Maggie Burton, Anne Murphy, Patricia Daniels and Karen Orchard in Admin for being so organised and assisting us with our endeavours. A big thank you to all of the St John Bosco Staff, you do an amazing job and we are very lucky to have you.

We had a great start to 2018 with the College's first Welcome Movie Night! It was a delight to see the oval full of our Bosco Community and despite having four seasons in one evening, I am sure that everyone agrees it was a great night. This will hopefully, become an annual event as it is an ideal way to welcome new families into the Bosco Community.

The community spirit continued on with the world's largest Easter raffle and we thank the Bosco Community for their donations.

Paul Litherland's Surf Online Safe Presentation was an eye opener to all who attended, and we look forward to having him back in the future.

Our fundraising goal this year was to assist in purchasing a PA system that could be used for events like the Bosco Athletics Carnival and Christmas Carols. We were pleased to donate \$10,000 towards the purchase of the new PA system, speakers and lectern. The new PA system has already been used for the Bosco Athletics Carnivals, Interschool Athletics Carnival, an assembly, a liturgy and a guest speaker presentation. At both of the Bosco Athletics Carnivals, we were able to hear all the announcements, and I think the people in the neighbouring houses would have been dancing in their backyards to the music.

We were also able to make a donation to Digital Tech for the robots and towards another worm farm to try to keep up with all the food scraps.

There are a lot of people who have volunteered over the year and I sincerely thank every single one of you. There are some people who have dedicated time to the College on a weekly basis.

There has been a great group of people who have been organising and delivering the School Lunches online orders. Thank you to Nicola Reid, Alexandra Adams, Kylie O'Neill, Carina Dainton, Jolene Kurthi and Pamela Cricelli. I will often be at work and get a few messages from these ladies that there has been a mix up with the lunches but no need to worry as they have sorted it out. It has been greatly appreciated. Thank you to Rebecca Tideswell, Shauna Costello, Gemma Jones, Michelle Horton and Claire Wood who handed out the subway orders over the year.

To the lovely ladies who are here early every Friday morning to do the school banking – Sharon O'Neill-Brown, Claire Wood, Anna Queiros and Aimee Anderson, thank you so much for continuing to do that this year.

Thank you to Samantha Laine for taking over the Scholastic Book Club orders in 2018. The College is able to buy many resources with the rewards from families purchasing book orders.

A big thank you to the class reps from each year level. You have been our gateway to the classes and have done a great job of getting volunteers and passing on information for us.

I have enjoyed my time on the committee this year and encourage the Bosco Community to come along to the meetings twice a term. Everyone is working towards the same goal of building a strong Bosco Community and the best place for our children to grow and learn. This can only be strengthened by the support and involvement of you, our families.

I wish the incoming committee all the best for 2019 and ensure you that I will be there to support you every step of the way.

Thank You

Nicolle Di Conza
President of FSJB