



ST JOHN BOSCO  
COLLEGE  
JOY IN LEARNING

## 2018-11-19 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING PRINCIPAL REPORT

I am delighted to share with you some of the highlights of our fourth year at St John Bosco College. I feel very blessed to work with a team of professional and nurturing staff, talented students and committed parents who have combined their talents to create a truly unique learning community at St John Bosco College. Thank you to our Leadership Team of Patricia Daniels, Chrystal Leavers and Sara Tonkin for their strategic leadership and planning to ensure that every member of our Bosco community flourishes.

I am excited to introduce four new staff who will join us in 2019: Miss Mikayla Bramley, Miss Kalinda Knight, Mrs Melissa Barlow and Mr Justin Cordingley. I would like to thank Mrs Lisa Jordinson for all the joyous work she has done as part of our Bosco Team and look forward to welcoming the birth of her newborn baby in March 2019.

By the joyous words and actions of Father Joseph and Father Anthony who joined us this year, their inspiration is invaluable to us, as we grow year by year and especially with our first Year 7 students commencing in 2020. Our Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco, along with our Sacramental Masses have been magical this year. It has been a tremendous year in terms of our faith journey and evangelisation, with Year 3 students making their Sacrament of Reconciliation and our Year 4 students making their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We look forward to 2019, when our first Year 6 Class will make their Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to the sacramental teams of Xavier CPS, Salvado Catholic College and Chi Rho for working so collaboratively and generously with us in the preparation of the sacraments. Thank you to Sister Lisette for her continued support and wisdom. Our Year 3 students certainly enjoyed their Retreat at the Schoenstatt Centre and we were also lucky enough to have our Staff Retreat with Sister Lisette this year. It was very special in terms of our faith journey as staff and has been in the planning for a number of years.

Our College Board has grown in wisdom this year under the leadership of Mrs Tracy Marshall, our Chairperson. The Board continue to be a huge support to me as we work collaboratively together to serve our Bosco community to provide for the current needs of our primary students, get ready for our first Year 6 students in 2019 and our first Year 7 Secondary students in 2020. Thank you to our current Board members: Father Joseph, Father Anthony, Mrs Tracy Marshall, Mr Daniel Fonseca, Mrs Rachael Hingley-Wilson, Miss Erin Parry, Mrs Julia Mallott, Mr Brian Mutete, Mrs Sharon O'Neill-Brown and Mr Nicholas Morgan for your hard work, guidance and support. Thank you to Mrs Pamela Taylor for her dedication and valuable service as Board Treasurer over the past four years and also as an Interim Board member when we commenced in 2015.

Our Friends of St John Bosco have excelled in all the events that they have planned again this year. Under the leadership of our Presidents Mrs Nicolle Di Consa and Mrs Tenille Lee, the Executive Team of Mrs Samantha Laine, Mrs Chereena Horne, Miss Erin Parry and Mrs Catharine Alweyn have put in many long hours behind the scenes to ensure the success of our many fundraising events and they certainly have been keen to take on many new initiatives as well. We have great joy at our Friends meetings and we certainly value the friend raising in our Bosco community and the fundraising events that the many committees have taken on. I would also like to thank our parents who have been in the role of a class rep this year and our many parent and grandparent volunteers.

Thank you to every family in our Bosco Community for sharing the "JOY IN LEARNING" with us in our fourth year and allowing the staff here at St John Bosco to work with you as partners in educating your children. We look forward to an exciting and collaborative partnership with our Bosco Community in 2019, when we will have over four hundred and seventy students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 and look forward to our first Year 7 students in 2020. The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season, as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Sheehy Principal

## **SOME BOSCO Highlights in our FOURTH YEAR**

- Parish Mass on the Feast of St John Bosco with our new Parish Priest Father Joseph
- Bosco Community Day Assembly (Celebration of our Founder St John Bosco)
- Father Anthony as the Assistant to Father Joseph at St Francis Xavier
- Aboriginal Families as First Educators Playgroup
- Specialist Teachers in Italian, Music, Physical Education and Digital Technology
- New Leadership Structure- Deans of Students and Dean of Finance
- Staff Professional Learning Days
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Sacramental Commitment Mass and Family Masses
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit Assemblies
- Certificates of Excellence and Fruits of the Holy Spirit Certificates
- Friends of St John Bosco Welcome Movie Night and Sausage Sizzle on the Bosco Oval
- The Fathering Project Father and Student Sleep Out on the Bosco Oval
- The Fathering Project evening with Steven Rushforth
- Incursions and Excursions
- Grandparents Morning and Liturgy
- Harmony Day
- Easter Liturgy and Celebration
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Year 3 and Year 5 students completing the Bishops' Religious Literacy and NAPLAN
- ANZAC Ceremony
- Mother's Day Breakfast, Mother's Day in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Pamper afternoon
- Bosco Student Discos
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Francis Xavier and Year 3 Retreat at Schoenstatt Centre
- Year 4 First Holy Communion and Retreat with 24.7 Ministry
- Staff Retreat at the Schoenstatt Centre with Sister Lisette
- Bosco Cultural and Sporting activities
- Edu Dance Concerts
- School Banking
- Year 3 to Year 5 Swimming Lessons at Thornlie Leisure World
- Bosco Saints Netball
- Puma Basketball
- Top Shot Tennis
- Keyed-Up Music
- Soccer Bugs
- Subway Lunches
- Friends of St John Bosco Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings
- Friends of St John Bosco Cyber Safety Evening with Paul Litherland
- Child Australia Parent Evening
- Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco at St Francis Xavier Church
- Introduction of our four House Shirts
- Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade
- College Open Night (Learning Journeys)
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Secondary Open Day at St John Bosco
- Life-Link Day with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB at Newman College
- Socktober Catholic Mission Fundraising
- Remembrance Day Liturgy
- Bosco Cross Country
- Bosco Athletics Carnival on the Bosco Oval
- Interschool Cross Country and Interschool Athletics Carnivals
- Pre-Primary Nativity, Christmas Carols and Picnic