



ST JOHN BOSCO  
COLLEGE  
JOY IN LEARNING

## 2019-11-25 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING PRINCIPAL REPORT

I am very blessed and privileged in our fifth year at St John Bosco College to work with a team of enthusiastic and nurturing staff, talented students and committed parents who continue to work together to build this College.

St John Bosco taught St Dominic Savio that holiness involves being constantly joyful. We have had many challenges this year but as “One Bosco Community”, we continue to open our hearts to joy, to ensure that our students are flourishing in every aspect of their learning.

Thank you to the many Teams we have at Bosco: Admin, Teaching and Learning, OSHC, Aboriginal Playgroup and College Leadership who continue to promote our mission and vision. Together as “One”, we can only continue to create the flourishing learning community that we have at St John Bosco. We have beautiful learning environments at the College, but we are a lot more than buildings at Bosco.

I am delighted to introduce ten new staff who will join us in 2020: Mrs Heather Brocklehurst, Mr Mark de Lima, Mrs Denise Meyrick, Mr James Elder, Miss Brittany Seymour, Miss Hazel Armada, Mrs Donna Newman, Mrs Carol Winn, Miss Alysia D’Andrea and Mrs Christie D’Lima. I would like to thank Miss Valeria Campos for all the joyous work she has done as part of our Bosco Team, especially in setting up our OSHC service back in 2015 and achieving an Exceeding rating in the National Quality Standard from the Education and Care Regulatory Unit. I wish Valeria the very best on her next journey at YMCA. Thank you to Signora Elizabeth Allan who introduced the romantic Italian language to the Bosco students back in 2018 and is now on a new adventure working with Qantas. Congratulations and best wishes on her next journey to Miss Jessica Alcock, who worked with us in OSHC and also as an Education Assistant since 2016 and now has a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood and Primary Teaching from Murdoch University. It is always a joy to see so many newborns around the College. Our Bosco staff are ensuring they are keeping up with the birth of their own babies as well. We wish Mrs Rebecca Catchpole and Mrs Melissa Barlow many blessings as they get ready for the birth of their newborn babies in April 2020.

Thank you to Father Mark and Father Matteo who have joined us this year. Our Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco, along with our Sacramental Masses have been beautiful, reflective and spiritual. Our Bosco Choirs are a very welcome sight to behold at the St Francis Xavier Church. Again, it has been an inspirational year in terms of our faith journey and evangelisation, with our Year 3 students making their Sacrament of Reconciliation, our Year 4 students making their Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our first Year 6 students making their Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to the sacramental teams of St Francis Xavier for working so collaboratively and generously with us in the preparation of the sacraments. As always, Sister Lisette continues to offer her spiritual wisdom and support to us at St John Bosco.

Our College Board has continued to strive and continue to be a big support to me and the College, as we work collaboratively together to provide for the current and future needs of all our Bosco students. Thank you to our current Board members: Mrs Tracy Marshall - Chair, Mr Daniel Fonseca - Treasurer, Mrs Rachael Hingley-Wilson- Secretary, 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 Julia Mallott and Mrs Sharon O'Neill-Brown for their two years of service as Board members to the Bosco community.

Our Friends of St John Bosco continue to reach new heights every year. With our President Mr Brett Mallott, the Executive Team of Mr Craig Meyer, Mr Jonathan Knox and Mrs Kristie Bell have put in many long hours to ensure the success of all our fundraising events. Our Friends meetings are always very joyous and we 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 class representatives and our many parent and grandparent volunteers who continue to work together to make St John Bosco the place it is.

Thank you to all our Bosco families for sharing the "JOY IN LEARNING" with us in our fifth year 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 2020, when we will have approximately five hundred and fifty students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 7. The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season and ask our Heavenly Father to bless our families this Christmas and keep us safe, as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Sheehy

Principal

## SOME NEW BOSCO HIGHLIGHTS IN OUR FIFTH YEAR

- Year 6 Student Leadership Captains
- Project Compassion Launch at Clontarf Aboriginal College Waterford
- Grandparent Liturgy combined with our Harmony Day Celebration
- Year 6 Camp at Forest Edge Waroona
- Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN online
- Bosco Quiz Night at Amherst Village Function Centre Southern River
- Year 3 to Year 6 Interschool Cross Country at Manning Park Hamilton Hill
- Year 5 and Year 6 Sporting Clubs- Netball, Basketball and Soccer
- Birthday Mass for St John Bosco with our new Priest Father Mark
- Father Matteo joins the St Francis Xavier Parish
- Interschool Year 5 and Year 6 Lightning Carnival at Mother Teresa Catholic College
- Year 6 Confirmation Workshops at St Francis Xavier
- Catholic Performing Arts Festival at Vasto Club Balcatta- 90 students in the Junior and Senior Bosco Choirs perform
- Confirmation Commitment Masses
- Opti-MINDS Regional and State Finals
- WA Police Pipe Band Performance Year 1 to Year 6
- Bosco Athletics Carnival Year 1 to Year 6
- John Burland Concert Kindergarten to Year 6
- Mackillop Science Learning Centre Open Day
- Anti-Poverty Mass at St Thomas More Church in Bateman
- Bosco Kindergarten to Year 6 Run 4 Fun
- Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation with the Reverend Father Peter Whitely Vicar General as the main celebrant along with Father Mark and Father Matteo
- College Open Night Learning Journey including the MacKillop Science Learning Centre “My Lab Rules” competition
- Interschool Athletics Carnival Year 3 to Year 6 on the Bosco Oval
- Year 7 Parent Information evening in the MacKillop Science Learning Centre
- Year 3 to Year 6 Swimming Lessons at Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre
- Bosco Choir performs at the Annual College Community Meeting
- Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
- Step Up Day for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students
- Bosco Class Celebrations
- Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass with Father Matteo and morning tea
- Pre-Primary Nativity, Christmas Carols and picnic for Kindergarten to Year 6
- Year 6 Final Assembly
- The many new Incursions and excursions
- Bosco Saints Netball Grand Final Winners
- Visit of Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB (Salesian of Don Bosco) and Fr Vaclav Klement SDB (Regional Superior East Asia -Oceania Region),
- The Armadale Young Writers’ Award Winners
- West Australian Media Education Junior Journo Competition Winner