



ST JOHN BOSCO  
COLLEGE  
JOY IN LEARNING

## 2020-11-23 ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING PRINCIPAL REPORT

Our sixth year at St John Bosco College in a covid-19 world, has certainly presented challenges in terms of coping with the catholic identity, education, pastoral care and wellbeing of our Bosco students and community. I am fortunate to work with such a wonderful, vibrant, growing community at St John Bosco. Our creative, dynamic staff continue to nourish the students in their care and provide a flourishing environment both inside and outside their classroom studios, that enable our students to thrive in their learning. Our Leadership Team continue to be visionary in their planning for the strategic directions of the College. The “compassionate hearts” of our supportive and collaborative parent/guardian/grandparent community was very evident this year, especially during online learning.

I am delighted to introduce eleven new staff who will join us in 2021: Miss Mariah Phillips, Miss Elicia Bove, Miss Jessica Klessens, Mr Marc Papineau, Miss Louise Di Giacomo, Miss Melissa Dowding, Mr Brett Hill, Mr Nicholas Magry, Mrs Kirsty Kingsley, Mrs Emma Spackman and Mrs Ruth Patrick. We wish Mrs Angela Crane, Miss Courtney Tetlow and Mrs Denise Meyrick and her newborn baby many blessing on their leave in 2021.

We were delighted that Father Mark and Father Matteo were able to return to the College, after some of the restrictions were eased and continue to spread the ‘Joy of the Gospel’ amongst the students, staff and community. Our Year 4 and Year 6 students were overjoyed to be able to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation respectively and both parents and staff were very grateful to our Parish Community. Our annual Mass for the Birthday of St John Bosco celebrated by Father Mark at St Francis Xavier was very special and we were also delighted that Father Matteo celebrated a liturgy with our younger students back at St John Bosco. It is inspirational to witness our Bosco Choirs having an opportunity to sing at the Sacramental Masses. Sister Lisette continues to offer her spiritual guidance to us at St John Bosco.

Our College Board has continued to strive and be a great 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: Chair-Miss Erin Parry, Treasurer-Mr Daniel Fonseca, Secretary- Mr Brian Mutete, Friends of St John Bosco Rep to the Board- Mrs Joanne Della Maddalena, St Francis Xavier Rep to the Board- Mrs Wendy Mongan, Mrs Tracy Marshall, Mrs Rachael Hingley-Wilson and Mr Nicholas Morgan for their hard work, guidance and support. Thank you to Mr Brain Mutete who will take a year off, for his service as a Board member to the Bosco community. As you are aware, the Board will now be known as the St John Bosco College Advisory Council, to reflect CEWA Ltd new governance structure.

Our Friends of St John Bosco continue to work together to promote friend raising and fundraising in our community. Thank you to our President Mr Brett Mallott, the Executive Team of Mr Craig Meyer, Mr Jonathan Knox, Mrs Kristie Bell and Mrs Joanne Della Maddalena who work endlessly to ensure the success of all our wonderful fundraising events. I would also like to thank our many class, parent and grandparent volunteers who continue to work together to make St John Bosco the special community it is

Thank you to all our Bosco families for sharing the “JOY IN LEARNING” with us this in 2020 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 2021, when we will have approximately six hundred and eighty students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 8 and stage 4a/b buildings will be nearing completion (6 classroom studios, a soccer/hockey pitch, multi-purpose hardcourts, car park and roads) and the next stage of our building program stage 4c (K-12 Library Resource Centre and extension to administration) will commence. The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season and ask God Our Loving 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 SIXTH YEAR IN 2020**

- Bosco Community Celebrations to commence the College year
- Year 6 Leadership Retreat with 24.7 Ministry
- Project Compassion Launch at Sacred Heart College Sorrento
- Our Inaugural Bosco Swimming Year 4 to Year 7 Carnival
- The Fathering Project Father and Student Sleep Out with over 400 in attendance
- ANZAC Ceremony online
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit Online Presentations
- Opening and naming of the Savio Arts and Technology Learning Centre
- Surf Online Safe with Paul Litherland
- Crazy Hair Day for donations to Foodbank
- Year 7 2021-2023 Parent Information Night
- First Year 7 Bosco Athletics Carnival
- Birthday Mass and Liturgy for St John Bosco with Father Mark and Father Matteo
- National Science Week
- Year 6 Camp with two other schools at Forest Edge Recreation Camp Waroona
- Year 5 and Year 6 Interschool Lightning Carnival- League Tag, Netball, Volleyball and Soccer
- Multi-Cultural Netball competition
- ACC Year 7 Interschool Athletics Carnival
- Bosco Saints Netball Grand Final Winners
- The Armadale Young Writers' Awards
- Opti-Minds Creative Edge Thinking Challenge
- Year 7 Enrichment ANSTO Hackathon competition
- Year 7 Student Leadership Captains
- Year 7 Bosco Flourish Day
- Year 7 Leadership Day with "4 the Team"
- Year 7 Captains visit to Prendiville Catholic College
- SciTech Science Talent Search competition
- Year 7 Bosco Clubs- Band, Esports, Netball, Running, Handball, Art, Soccer, Dance, Basketball and Homework
- Catholic Performing Arts Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
- Year 7 Interschool Lightning Carnival- Soccer, Netball, Touch Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee
- Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation with Father Mark as the celebrant
- Interschool Athletics Carnival Year 3 to Year 6
- Bosco Choir Performance in Drama and Dance Studios
- Bosco Class Celebrations
- Christmas Carols, Edu-Dance Concert and picnic for Kindergarten to Year 7
- The many new educational experiences including incursions and excursions