



2021 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the Board of Trustees Report for 2021.

It was a very challenging Covid pandemic year for teachers, students and parents, however with focus, commitment and support from staff and the community, the college again can be proud of all that was achieved. This reflected the effort students made, supported by the excellent work of staff and parents. The college pass rates this year were very good, considering on line learning.

Parents expressed how grateful they were for the effort teachers made throughout this challenging time.

A key focus for the Board was to support the Principal, the Senior Leadership Team and staff through this challenging time. Effective and timely communication was essential with having an understanding to meet varying needs.

Some board training was able to be done online during this time.

The Board farewelled a board member who has given over six years of service to the college and the Student Representative to the Board was acknowledged for his commitment and being a voice for students throughout his tenure.

The current strategic plan remains in place and on track. The Board continues to be well-informed on progress being made in all areas. The Board met online during the period of disruption for its meetings.

The Board, Principal, and Business Manager have carried out the following work to the Campus in 2021.

- Cyclical maintenance was carried out per the 10 Year Cyclical Painting and Maintenance Plan
- LED upgrade in classrooms continued along with a refurbishment of the Art Classroom and Photography Classroom.

Capital expenditure for the year included the continued upgrade of furniture and fittings in classrooms and teacher resources throughout the college, to meet increased needs for students and the school. The Shade Project saw shade covers planned for installation in four areas of the college.

The College undertakes full safety audits annually in several areas throughout the College and any concerns are addressed immediately to comply with all compliance. Health and Safety representatives are continually being upskilled in their responsibilities to ensure that the College is

a healthy and safe environment for the school community. All teachers carry out first aid training on a cyclical basis and receive a first aid certificate.

Covid saw a reduction in EOTC activities for the year as there were restrictions on gatherings and sporting events.

Some parents struggled to meet their total financial commitments to the school due to loss of family income. Payment plans are in place for a growing larger number of families to ensure that they are meeting their financial commitments.

The reduction in international students has also had an impact on funds. The board is considering other fundraising opportunities for its school community.

The Board is looking forward to 2022, where we can return to less restrictions and increased community activities and students can access all activities in full.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Brabant', with a stylized, flowing script.

Warren Brabant
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Sancta Maria College

27 May 2022