



2020 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the Board of Trustees Report for 2020.

It was a very challenging year for teachers, students, and parents with Covid 19, however with focus and everyone's commitment, the college again had an outstanding year of achievement.

Covid 19, brought out the best in all of us, where we supported each other, were innovative, creative and rose to the challenge.

The senior leadership team and teachers acted quickly, to provide an online learning platform. The planning and execution was professional, and delivered an environment enabling students to communicate and learn online. Parents expressed how grateful they were for the effort put in by teachers throughout this challenging time. Students accepted the challenge and adapted to online learning, and created innovative ways of continuing to engage in school activities such as having Zoom Jazz practices and a Jazz YouTube channel to name a few. Parents accepted the challenge and supported students and teachers through the new learning channel.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This year has had its challenges, however again innovative ways were used to connect to our faith over this period, always ensuring we were watching out and supporting each other.

BOARD

The main focus of the Board was to support the Principal and teaching and learning in a challenging time. This was achieved by good communication and understanding of the needs.

BOARD TRAINING

The Board continued to attend training from New Zealand School Trustees Association and the Catholic Diocese on aspects of governance and special character.

BOARD MEMBERS

Leanne Farmer resigned as she took up an administrative position with the college.

STRATEGIC PLAN

New Board Members (including Proprietor's Representatives) have attended Board Professional Development and Training provided by New Zealand School Trustees Association and the Catholic Diocese on aspects of governance and special character. This continues to be a focus of the Board to maximise our contribution to the governance of the College. This has also enabled relationships with board members from other schools.

The strategic plan for 2020 to 2024 is on track and came from considered planning, and input from our school community, the Government's future vision for education, and other relevant education sector groups.

As a Board we continue to be well informed on progress being made in all areas and departments of the College with regular presentations from Head of Departments at Board meetings. The Board is looking forward to further enhancing resources and developing opportunities in 2021.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Board is very pleased with outstanding academic results that reflect the conscientious effort our students make, supported by the excellent work of staff and parents. The college achieved pass rates of 97.2% for level one, 100% for level two and 94.4 % for level three. The Board was very pleased with this result. Comparing our results to other colleges in the Auckland area with higher decile rating we were above what these schools achieved.

PROPERTY

The Board, Principal, and Business Manager have carried out the following work to the Campus in 2020.

- Cyclical maintenance was carried out per the 10 Year Cyclical Painting and Maintenance Plan
- LED upgrade in classrooms commenced and will continue over the following years.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Capital expenditure for the year included the continued upgrade of furniture and fittings in classrooms and teacher resources throughout the college, to meet the increased needs for our students. In 2021 we will be looking at increasing shade cover for the college.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety is an area of paramount importance within the College environment where all students and staff play an integral part of this responsibility. 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.

EOTC

The new software package Consent2Go is assisting in managing the request and approval process for all EOTC activities. Lockdown saw a reduced number of EOTC activities.


FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We see an increasing trend where some parents are struggling to meet their total financial commitments to the school. Payment plans are in place by a growing larger number of families to ensure that they are meeting their financial commitments. This year we found a number of families in a position where jobs had been lost due to Covid 19. The Board continues to look at innovative ways of raising funds.

CONCLUSION

The Board is committed to ensuring that we prepare our students for their future career path by providing them with the tools and every opportunity to succeed, along with giving them life skills and strong values.

We are also committed to supporting the Principal and the Senior Leadership Team in providing the best learning environment and resources to maximise the potential of all students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Brabant', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Warren Brabant

Chairperson

Board of Trustees

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