

Report from the Chair  
NCSB Annual School Community Meeting  
22 November 2018

It seems that every year I hear people comment about the speed at which the year has passed. This year is, without exception, the speediest to date from a St Joseph's School perspective. After only three years, our Years 11 and year 12 students and classes have settled into the school very well. The broader community have embraced this opportunity to keep young people in Northam longer.

Our School is growing and this is exciting for the Board, Principal and Leadership Team, staff and children. With the school growth comes the need for more classrooms, space for activities, space for teachers to meet and collaborate and so on. Hence, this year, the School Board has focused work and effort on the Capital Works Plan and Stages 9 and 10 of this, that is, the construction of further much needed space on the Secondary campus. This process has been progressing well.

Financial Management and budgeting for this Stage has been well managed and controlled and the funds for this have been allocated without the need for any support from CEWA.

Mid-year, our School received some sad and great news (if there is such a thing). Our Principal, Carmen Cox, had been appointed to the position of Principal at St Brigid's College's in Lesmurdie commencing in January 2019. We will miss Carmen but understand that she has made a significant personal sacrifice to be in Northam and away from her family for as long as she has. Carmen will be missed by all in our School community.

In 2019, our School will welcome our new Principal, Andrea Woodgate. Andrea comes from a farming background and should feel right at home here in Northam. We look forward to supporting Andrea in her new role and hope that her time with St Joseph's School will be enjoyable, challenging and successful.

2018 has seen significant achievements, events and opportunities to celebrate the St Joseph's School community during the year. Some highlights of these include, but not limited to:

- improvements with NAPLAN tracking and performance throughout the School,
- numerous events such as raffles, morning teas and other involvement and support from all members of the P&F, especially Jayne Candeloro as the Board Rep. The contribution to the School and the passion that has been harnessed by this year's Committee has been nothing short of spectacular!
- the Annual Year 6 Camp,
- the Secondary Students Leader Camp,
- the subsidy offered to three Year 11 students to attend the overseas Immersion Experiences with Newman College and Seton College.

The list could really go on and on!

The Board has again enjoyed the ongoing support from Father George and Father Simeon with David Carter as the Parish representative. I would like to convey the gratitude of the Board for their input and support and look forward to working with them all again in 2019.



It has been a valuable year for building on existing relationships and networks and the Board as a whole, enjoyed dining with the Leadership team, staff and students of College and several other Catholic Secondary schools. It was wonderful to meet with the Host school and spend time discussing their achievements and learning from each other.

My final comments are directed to Carmen Cox, our outgoing Principal. On behalf of the Board, and on a personal level, I would like to thank Carmen for her strength, courage and passion that has been such a wonderful energy and inspiration for the whole School and school community. I sincerely wish Carmen all the very best in her new role at St Brigid's College and hope that this new school enjoys Carmen's energy and insight as much as St Joseph's School Northam has. Yours in faith

Mrs Rebekah Ervin  
Board Chair 2018