



# *St Joseph's School, Northam*

## *Board Chairperson Report 2021*

*NCSB Annual School Community Meeting  
18 November 2021*

2021 has been a year of welcoming and exciting new beginnings, along with sharing fond farewells within the school and community alike.

The completion of the secondary campus has been a fantastic reward for all the dedicated people that have made it all happen and the students and staff are getting to use this great expansion for all of its intended uses, helping to grow the school and level of education and care for all.

We started the year with devastating fires and an isolated COVID outbreak that shook the school from the start with uncertainty, but in true St Joseph's spirit, we embraced the challenge and made the education and care of our students our mission and welcomed a new Head of Primary. This has been a wonderful transition and Michelle is a huge asset to have. We sadly farewelled Caroline at the secondary campus who has given 20+ years, seeing huge changes and growth beyond comprehension in her time. We thank you for all your years of commitment to making it the Secondary School that we will welcome our new Secondary leader into for 2022.

We farewelled our Board Chair mid-year, Dr Harry Randhawa who moved interstate: his leadership, foresight and commitment have been missed. Thanks, Dr Harry, for your years within the school and community. We welcomed new Board members and some reallocation of positions bringing new representation and guidance within. Throughout the year it has been fantastic to see new staff positions filled throughout both campuses and a wonderful community vibe is still felt throughout the school and all of its reaches within our extended neighbourhood.

The Board has the seemingly easy job of overseeing a wonderful and passionate set of groups, committees and staff that all so focused on seeing that our students and school thrives. The Leadership group within the school and Parish is second to none! We cannot thank Andrea and team enough for their efforts and commitment. It is always exciting to be a part of a Board that can oversee 'true poetry in motion'. A very passionate P&F Group, Building committee, Finance Committee, Canteen, Staff at every level, Volunteers, Parishioners, Parents, Grand Parents, family members and everyone involved make this school the wonderful and nurturing place it is for our greatest assets: our Students. There are always decisions to be made, numbers and projects to be reviewed but it is a strong Board, and moving forward, strong representation of both campuses that we will conclude 2021.

With what has been less of a rollercoaster than what 2020 brought us outside and inside of the school, we have embraced the changes that have been brought upon us. We cannot thank everyone enough for their contributions and say a huge thank you to all. 2021 has been

a privilege to be a part of and I'm sure 2022 will bring more advancement within the school and continue to show that St Joseph's is the flagship school in education and care for our students.

The complete dual stream in Primary, two days of 3year old's, expanding secondary numbers and courses, the new buildings and infrastructure plus the upgrades and buildings moving forward are all great markers of a strong school and wonderful direction we are all taking together.

From the board, thank you to everyone that is involved at every level. Personally, I would like to thank the Board and all that attend the meetings in the many roles they bring, being the strong voice that you are and the fantastic job you all do. the time you give, the foresight and stability you bring is truly remarkable and a great reflection of the school's ethos.

Thank you for a great year!

Andrew O'Sullivan  
Board Chair 2021