

St Joseph's School, Northam

Board Chairperson Report 2019

This year has been the first year of our new Principal, Andrea Woodgate. The School has benefited from a fresh set of eyes and a new outlook on the future and services that the School is and will be able to provide the community.

Upon reflection, this year has seen many exciting and anticipated events, that have literally been years in the making.

The ground was broken for the new development at the Secondary campus and the build is progressing well for the benefit of the student body in 2020. Considering that the Secondary campus has struggled for the much-needed space for some time, the new classrooms will be a well deserved and welcome addition to this campus.

The school community in general has enjoyed swelling numbers for some time and this trend appears to be continuing into future years. So much so, that the new spaces are arriving at the right time.

It is a credit to Andrea, and her ability to be able to manage the challenges of coming up to speed with the planning, and fruition of the capital development planning, together with familiarising herself with staff, students, parents and families of the school community and wider area as well as manage the day-to-day needs and demands of a bustling two-campus school, with a grade range of Kinder to Year 12!

2020 will welcome further developments within the School and further utilisation of spaces and areas to support students and staff with their learning journeys. It is indeed an exciting time to be involved with St Joseph's School Northam.

From a Board's perspective, it has been wonderful to support Andrea on her journey with the School and broader community and to be able to be a part of the managed growth of the School. It is also with great sadness that we farewell a Board Member who has contributed so much time and energy to her role on the Board. Jodie Longmire has sat on the School Board for 4 years and has been an enthusiastic and passionate member who has always been happy to share her thoughts and ideas for the benefit of the School. Jodie will be greatly missed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jodie for her dedication, passion and enthusiasm and wish Jodie well for the future and all it may have in store for her.

I would also like to give thanks to all the staff and support staff of the school for their effort, contribution and desire to impact all of our families in a positive and constructive manner.

Thank you all for another Blessed and productive year.

Rebekah J Ervin

Chair

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