

Holy Rosary Primary School Advisory Council Chair Report

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of Holy Rosary's School Advisory Council.

I am pleased to report a successful year for the Council, and today will provide a brief overview of key activities.

Capital Works – Stage 11 Formal Opening and Stage 12

Due to the topography, history and age of many buildings within the school, capital development is a topic that remains on the Council agenda. Commitment to and planning of capital improvements requires due consideration of the school's needs, balanced by the financial position, of which we are acutely aware.

I would like to acknowledge formal opening of Stage 11 of the Capital Development Plan (new Siena Centre and Administration Building) in March, with Federal, State and Local politicians in attendance. This was a significant milestone, and a reflection of the hard work and tenacity of many people over many years.

Another important addition this year was the nature playground, a very impressive structure that was driven by the P&F and strongly supported by the school community.

Work has continued on master planning and advocacy of Stage 12 of the Capital Development Plan – a new and consolidated Early Years Precinct, and an overall increase to the play area within the school.

Stage 12 will continue to be an area of focus for the Council in 2023, particularly in engaging and advocating with CEWA.

Strategic Plan: 2022 - 2024

An important part of the Advisory Council's role is that of strategic planning – ensuring that the school's vision, priority areas and implementation methodology are aligned.

The Council reviewed the existing plan at the end 2021 (2019 – 2021), and at the beginning of 2022 issued the School Strategic Plan (2022 – 2024). This is a

very accessible and concise document, building on previous work and consultation. The pillars of Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship resonate strongly and are at forefront of all Council decisions.

Acknowledgements

I'd like to briefly acknowledge the roles and service of Advisory Council members this year:

- Firstly, we welcomed two new Council members this year – Tegan Back and Liesbet Schwertfeger. They have settled in well and made valuable contributions. And thanks to Liesbet for kindly volunteering to take on the secretary role.
- Thank you to Katie Nolan, who supported the staff recruitment process by sitting on several interview panels this year. I know Mark and the team highly valued her contribution. And as this is Katie's final year on the Council, I would also like to thank her for her service.
- The P&F is represented on the Council by Bec Watson, whose ideas and contribution are highly valued. The P&F are a key element of the school and provide the Council an important perspective. Bec has been a tireless and tenacious advocate for the school for a number of years, and this is her final year on the Council. Thank you Bec.
- I would also like to thank Peter Coppini for undertaking the role of Treasurer this year (his 2nd). He has provided important insights and explanations of the school financial information and is a key link back to Lisa Monzu. And thanks also to Lisa for providing comprehensive, high quality financial reports in a timely fashion to the Council.
- Thanks also go to Father Peter, who continues to make a valuable contribution to our community and Advisory Council, including fostering and maintaining a strong link to the Parish.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the staff of Holy Rosary. Your commitment, professionalism and passion drives the success of this school, which as per the call to action in the strategic plan, is Christ-centred and child focused learning.

Thank you.