

Community Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November 2018

College Board Chair's Report

Good evening and welcome to the Salvado Catholic Colleges Annual General Meeting for 2018. Thank you for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. My name is James Moles, I have three children currently attending Salvado and I have been lucky enough to serve on our College Board for the last two years and as Chair in 2018.

Our College's values are based around that of our patron, Bishop Rosendo Salvado - Peace, Justice and Compassion - values that are kept at front of mind when considering and making decisions for our College's future and with how we interact with our College community. Our College emblem prominently features olive branches which represent a growing community that will start modestly, but which will continue to expand and flourish from its initial opening and which is sustained by a common Catholic faith.

2018 has certainly seen Salvado Catholic College expand and flourish and underwent enormous growth in both the learning opportunities provided to our children and also the ongoing development of our College and our College community.

2018 started sharply with the introduction of the formal uniform for Years 3 and 4. The uniform has been a huge success and has helped to strengthen the College's identity in the wider community.

This year, the College was represented in the wider community by our students with

- Year 4 students laying a wreath at our community Byford ANZAC Day Service
- The College Choir performing at the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival
- The Cross Country team participating at the Interschools at Manning Park, Hilton
- The College Athletics team participating at the Interschools at St John Bosco, Piara Waters
- The Netball team competing in the local netball competition

These opportunities provided the students a chance to develop themselves, their skills and their confidence. As a community we can be very proud of how the students represented our College.

We would like to thank the Friends of Salvado for their amazing efforts this year. FOS organised many events this year including:

- The Bunnings fundraiser
- The Mothers + Fathers Day Stalls
- The hugely popular Quiz Night
- Maggie Dent evening
- Carpark Raffles
- School Banking
- Book Fair
- Any many more events

Thanks to the massive efforts of FOS, substantial donations have been made to the College to allow the purchase of equipment that allows our children to develop and flourish along their

learning journey. The events, fundraising or otherwise, also gave the opportunity for our College community to participate and only strengthened our College identity.

We would like to thank all those parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family, friends and all of those who helped out in any way this year, for your efforts in participating and taking the time to contribute to the growth of the College.

We would like to thank Kasey and Judy for all their work in administering and keeping the school community informed. It is a vital role in the continued growth of our College community.

We would like to thank our Finance Officer Sam for her tireless effort in managing the colleges finances. The College was subject to a financial audit early in 2018 and the successful result was due entirely to Sam's expertise and dedication to her role. With the ongoing development and growth of the college, Sam's work is vital in ensuring the Colleges finances are in shape into the future.

Early in 2018 we farewelled Fr Kaz who was based at Xavier Parish for many years and we welcomed Fr Joe and Fr Anthony. We would like to thank them both for their extraordinary passion and faith. Amongst much of the work they have performed this year, they have assisted the Year 3's in receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Year 4's in receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist. Their enthusiasm has been infectious and their spiritual leadership has had an amazing effect on the students who love their weekly visits and their magic tricks.

We would like to thank the teaching staff for their continued dedication to the development and wellbeing of our children. The teaching staff have again gone above and beyond this year not only in providing the learning opportunities and guiding our children though the year but also in assisting with events and their efforts are greatly appreciated. We wish those staff moving on from Salvado the very best and trust that they will treasure their time spent at Salvado.

We would like to thank Santino for his ongoing commitment to Salvado Catholic College. Santino continues to lead by example and is focused on continuing to develop and grow our college. His dedication gives me personally, as a parent, a huge amount of confidence that the future of our College is bright and that our children will be given all the opportunities possible to develop and succeed academically and as people. As a community we are truly lucky to have him as our Principal.

I would like to thank this years College Board members for taking the time out of their lives to contribute to the school community governance and its strategic direction. Thank you to Dillon McLeod, Kelli Bridge, Pat Kellet, Catherine Cozens, Keith Gilbert, Allison Dunn, Merinda March, Nicole Green, Fr Joe, Fr Anthony, Santino, Marissa and Sam.

This year many topics and ideas were discussed, researched, debated, agreed on, disagreed on and finally, decisions made. Some notable topics this year were:

- The College's overall ongoing strategic direction
- The introduction of the Digital Technologies Plan for 2019
- The playground extension
- Financial management, including approving the 2019 budget
- The School building maintenance schedule
- The approval of new 'Head' positions for 2019
- Marketing of our college, particularly for expressions of interest for Secondary beginning in 2021
- The ongoing Stage 2 build
- The planning for the Stage 3 build
- The continued engagement of our school community

The College community can be assured that at the heart of all decisions were the best interests of our children and the future students of Salvado.

The future of Salvado certainly is bright and 2019 will see:

- Enrolment numbers exceed 300 students
- The new Year 3 + 4 building and Resource Centre be ready for use in Term 1, 2019
- The completion of the new Year 5 + 6 building, the soccer oval, the hard courts and the additional car parking
- The introduction of House factions
- Mrs Marissa Munro to commence as the 'Head of Early Years'
- Mr Chris Burns to commence as the 'Head of Junior School' and
- The Capital Development Plan for Stage 3 will be submitted for approval ready for site works to commence in 2019 and construction to commence in 2020 - On that note, we would also like to thank Santino, Keith Gilbert, Shadia and Aaron White and other stakeholders for their valuable insight and input into the planning of Stage 3 which will incorporate the first Secondary building.

Finally, on behalf of the College Board, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Thank you

James Moles
Salvado Catholic College Board Chair