

Community Annual General Meeting - Thursday 28 November 2019

College Board Chair's Report

Good evening and welcome to Salvado Catholic Colleges Annual General Meeting for 2019. Thank you for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. My name is James Moles, my wife Sarah and I have three children currently attending Salvado and I have been lucky enough to serve on our college board for the last three years and as Chair for the past 2 years.

The Catholic School Board Constitution directs that the Boards general objective is to help the Catholic school fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) and the Dio-ce-san religious education program.

Our college's values are based around that of our patron, Bishop Rosendo Salvado - Peace, Justice and Compassion - values that have been and continue to be, kept at the front of mind by all of our Board members when considering and making decisions for our Colleges future and with how we interact with our school community.

This year many topics were raised, debated and settled upon by the board including:

- The colleges overall ongoing strategic direction
- Financial management, including approving the 2020 budget and school fees
- The Colleges building maintenance schedule
- The ongoing maintenance from the Stage 2 build
- The approval of the new 'Head of Middle School' position for 2020
- Marketing of our college, particularly for expressions of interest for Secondary beginning in 2021 and
- The continued engagement of our school community

Of particular importance this year was the planning and preparation of the Stage 3 build for the colleges first secondary building. Much time was spent this year focusing on ensuring the secondary facilities the college provides for our first cohort of secondary students is the best it can possibly be. The board represented the college community in panel visits, compliance meetings and other planning meetings focused on the stage 3 build.

Advertising for secondary enrollments ramped up this year and will continue to be a focus next year. We would encourage all parents to continue to actively promote our college in the wider community especially in spreading the message about our secondary commencing in 2021.

I would like to thank this years college board members for taking the time out of their busy lives to contribute and for their valuable input. Thank you to Keith Gilbert, Kosoula Chase, Renee Pettit, Max Keogh, Pat Kellet, Santino, Marissa, Chris and Sam. Thank you also to Rebecca Furfaro for her work as board secretary and to Shane Easton for his work as Treasurer.

We would like to thank the Friends of Salvado for their amazing efforts in 2019. FOS successfully organized a number of events this year and should be very proud of what they have achieved. The success of these events and the substantial donations made, contributes directly to providing our children with the best resources available to give them the opportunity to develop and thrive along their learning journey.

Of equal importance is the participation by our parents, families and extended community in the events which helps to strengthen our college identity.

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

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue to participate in college events into 2020 and to motivate others in the community to also support our FOS and our college events.

We would like to thank our groundskeeper, Nathan, who works very hard to keep the college grounds a presentable and safe space for our children.

We would like to thank Kasey, Judy and Julie for all their work in administering and keeping the college community informed. It is a vital role in the continued growth of our college community and their efforts are appreciated.

We would like to thank our Finance Officer, Sam for her tireless effort in managing the college's finances. The college was subject to a financial audit early in 2019 and Sam dedicated much time and effort to ensure a successful result. Sam's understanding of the accounting systems and her clear explanations allows the board to understand the colleges finances to ensure we are fully informed when making decisions for our colleges future.

In mid 2019 we welcomed to the college and our parish Fr Mark, under very difficult circumstances. We would like to thank him for his extraordinary passion and faith. Fr Marks personable nature has already had an impact on our students and the community alike and we look forward to further developing our relationship with Fr Mark in 2020.

We would like to thank Marissa, Chris and all of the Salvado teaching staff for their continued dedication to the development and wellbeing of our children. The teaching staff have once again gone above and beyond this year, not only in providing learning opportunities and pastoral care for our children but also in assisting with college 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. In 2019 Santino has continued to lead by example and is focused on continuing to develop and grow our college. I have been in awe of his patience at times during the year and his strong leadership and guidance gives me confidence that above all else, the best interests of our children are always his priority.

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

Thankyou

James Moles
Salvado Catholic College Board Chair