

Annual College Community Meeting - Thursday 25 November 2021

Catholic School Advisory Council Chair's Report

Good evening and welcome to Salvado Catholic College's Annual Community Meeting for 2021. 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's Advisory Council for the last 5 years.

The Catholic School Advisory Council Terms of Reference directs that the Councils function is to support the Principal to fulfil their responsibilities in leading the Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship functions of the Catholic school in pursuit of CEWA's vision to be Christ-centered and child-focused.

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 Advisory Council members when considering and making decisions for our College's future and with how we interact with our school community.

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

- The College's overall ongoing strategic direction
- Financial management, including endorsement of the 2022 budget and College fees
- The College's building maintenance schedule
- The ongoing maintenance from the Stage 3A build
- Planning for Stages 3B and 4 of the College
- Negotiations with Shire regarding a Shared Use Agreement
- Marketing of our College, particularly for Secondary and
- The continued engagement of our College community

This year, it was fantastic to see the new Science & Design building in use with our first cohort of Secondary students. To ensure the facilities for our children remains the best it can be, much work has continued on the upcoming stages. The Advisory Council represented the College community in panel visits, compliance meetings and other planning meetings focused on the stages 3B and 4 builds.

Advertising for Secondary enrolments continued to be a focus this year and will continue to be into 2022. We would encourage all parents to continue to actively promote our College in the wider community, especially in spreading the message about our Secondary years.

I would like to thank this year's School Advisory Council members for taking the time out of their busy lives to contribute and for their valuable input. Thank you to Pauline Uys, Claire Fifield, Pat Kellet, Fr Mark, Santino, Christine, Marissa, Keith and Sam. Thank you to Taren Singh for her work as Secretary and to Max Keogh for his work as Treasurer.

We would like to thank the Friends of Salvado for their amazing efforts in 2021. It was again a very difficult year thanks to Covid restrictions, however, FOS successfully organised a number of events 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.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of those parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family, friends and any 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 again like to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue to participate in College events into 2022 and to motivate others in the community to also support 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 Officers, Sam and Yvonne for their tireless efforts in managing the College's finances. Sam's understanding of the accounting systems and her clear explanations allows the council to understand the College's finances to ensure we are fully informed when making decisions for our College's future.

We would like to thank Fr Mark for his continued spiritual guidance through this year. 2021 has been a busy year with many of our children undertaking the sacraments that were planned for last year, and still, Fr Mark has been available for all whenever required.

2021 and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has and continues to provide families with many challenges. Although we have returned to some normalcy, there are still some challenges ahead. I have been very proud of how our College has conducted itself over the last couple of years. With all the uncertainty of the time, it has been reassuring to have had constant and consistent communication from the College, keeping us up to date with how they are continuing to provide quality education to our children in the midst of the pandemic.

On behalf of the Advisory Council, we would like to thank Keith, Marissa, Christine and all of the Salvado teaching staff for their efforts during the year. 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. Thank you.

We would like to thank Santino for his ongoing commitment to Salvado Catholic College. In 2021 Santino has continued to lead by example and is focused on continuing to develop and grow our College. I have said it before, but I am constantly in awe of his patience and work ethic during the year. Santino's 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 Advisory Council, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Thankyou

James Moles
Salvado Catholic College Advisory Council Chair