

Holy Rosary Primary School Advisory Council Chair Report – Ryan Denham

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

Stage 11 Building Project (Siena and Administration Centre)

A key focus for the Advisory Council this year has been monitoring progress and providing financial oversight of the new build. It is fantastic to see the new Siena and Administration Centre open and running smoothly.

They are fit for purpose, contemporary spaces. In my walk-through a few weeks ago I was struck by how light and bright they are. A huge and well overdue improvement of the facilities for our Siena students and staff, as well as the administration team.

Successful completion of the build has been due to foresight and dedication of the school leadership team – they have driven this project through all manner of issues spanning the planning, funding and construction stages.

I would like to acknowledge the role Mark, Aleana and Dave have played this year in bringing the project to a successful completion. I think it's fair to say that they have been far more involved in management of the project than they expected. There have been issues relating to the project schedule and rectification of defects that have required attention, often urgently.

I also thank staff at the CEWA office for their support, particularly over the past few months in ensuring rectification works are properly undertaken.

Looking to the future, we are considering the medium to long term in terms of School facilities, with master planning and concepts for Stage 12 reviewed by the Advisory Council this year. This will be an area of focus next year.

Strategic Plan: 2019 - 2021

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 the best they can be.

The current plan covers the period 2019 to 2021. It is a plan that was designed to be accessible and easily referenced, which we have done on a frequent basis.

Towards the end of this year the Council commenced a review of the plan, with a number of good conversations about the school's priorities and how they are articulated. As expected, there has been progress in many areas since its development in 2019, and also changes to the environment and context.

The basis of existing plan remains sound, with updates to be incorporated and a new plan issued in 2022.

Other Activities - Advisory Council

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

- The Council supports the recruitment process by sitting on staff interview panels as required, which was ably undertaken by Katie Nolan this year. Thank you Katie, I know Mark and the team highly valued your input.
- 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. Thanks Bec.
- Peter Coppini has undertaken the role of Treasurer, stepping straight into the role this year, his first on the Council. He has come up to speed very quickly, and I thank him for his efforts, including patiently providing explanations of the numbers and financial position at each meeting.
- Our thanks also go to Father Peter, who continues to make an invaluable contribution to our community and Advisory Council, including fostering and maintaining a strong link to the Parish.
- And thank you to the departing Council Members - Anthony Miller (2 years) and Craig McLure (4 years). Their service and contribution is very much appreciated.

I would like to finish by thanking all the staff at our school. The staff are fundamental to the success of the school and community. The extra mile that the staff of this school go to is recognised and very much appreciated, thank you all for your contributions this year.