

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 – Maintenance/Improvements and Stage 12 CDP

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 financial constraints and priorities.

The Council's activities in relation to capital works this year have been focussed on two main areas.

The first of these has been oversight/monitoring of maintenance expenditure. Aging infrastructure requires ongoing maintenance, which needs to be considered within the context of their remaining useful life, capital development plan, community expectations and operational needs. A range of maintenance and capital improvements have been made this year, with more to come.

The second area of focus has been Stage 12 of the Capital Development Plan, which is a new and consolidated Early Years Precinct, and an overall increase in the outdoor play area within the school. This remains a priority, with CEWA engagement and advocacy being the main activities this year. We continue to support the school in navigating the CEWA capital grant system and positioning the project to be funded.

I would like to recognise and thank Mark de Kluyver for his tenacity in advocating for the school in the capital development area, but also more generally. I am aware of many frank and robust discussions he has had with CEWA about the needs of the school, which have brought positive results.

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.

Therefore, I would like to highlight the importance of the current School Strategic Plan, which covers the period 2022 – 2024. This is an 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:

- Liesbet is concluding her time on the Council, and therefore I would like to recognise and thank her for being involved over the past two years. Her perspective and insights have been very valuable.
- I would also like to thank Peter Coppini for undertaking the role of Treasurer again this year. 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, and also fostering and maintaining a strong link to the Parish.
- Thank you also to Mark DeKluyver for his comprehensive reports and support of the Council, and also for the involvement and support of Joe Kinder and Tegan Back.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the staff of Holy Rosary. Your commitment, professionalism and passion drives the continuing success of this school.

Thank you.