

St Joseph's Primary School Advisory Council Chairperson Report 2024

Dear St. Joseph's School Community,

2024 has been a year of significant progress and challenges. The major construction works, including re-roofing parts of the school, were navigated smoothly thanks to the dedication of Mr. O'Dwyer, the School Advisory Council (SAC), and our staff. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I extend my thanks to all involved.

I also want to thank Deputy Principal Caroline Leighton, the staff, and Father Jorge for their continuing dedication to our school. Your commitment and support are genuinely appreciated.

A special thankyou goes to all the volunteers at our school. Your ongoing support and dedication play a crucial role in our community.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the tireless efforts of the Parents and Friends (P&F) Association for their contributions. You have made a significant impact on our school, including:

- Six new TVs
- A new climbing cube (student voice)
- New monkey bars (student voice)

I would like to personally thank Mr. O'Dwyer for his exceptional help and support over the years. His dedication and commitment over the past five years have positioned our school for ongoing future success. On behalf of all St. Joseph's SAC members, staff, and our community, we wish him all the best in his new role.

We are also excited to welcome our new Principal in 2025, Mr. Ronan Kelly. We look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our school.

Completed Major Projects 2024

- Major Building: \$960K system-supported loan plus \$70K of school funds
 - Removal of asbestos from the canteen, undercover area, veranda, and old music room
 - Re-roofing of Years 2-6, canteen, support room, and administration
 - New carpets for Years 3 to 6
 - New pin-up boards for Years 2 to 6
 - New whiteboards for Years 2 to 6
 - Full repaint of Years 2 to 6
 - Removal of all evaporative air conditioners in Years 2 to 6
 - Installation of fire guards for Years 2 to 6 and administration
 - Full rewiring of Years 2 to 6 and administration
 - New PA system

- Furniture:
 - New tables for the library
 - New height-adjustable tables for the arts room
 - Furniture for the social worker room

- Playground:
 - Two audits of the playground and fixing numerous non-compliant items
 - Expansion of the retaining wall to accommodate new monkey bars and improve student safety.

- Uniform:
 - Survey and implementation of a new school jumper.
 - New bucket hats in 2025

Pending Projects 2025

1. Elevate the drains and relocate electrical systems – awaiting contractors.
2. Grind concrete walkways and concrete veranda.
3. Millar Street Fence
4. Application for Category B student crossing on Millar Street

As my sixth year as a board member comes to an end, I reflect on the pleasure it has been to serve and be part of the St. Joseph's School community. I extend my gratitude to my fellow School Advisory Council (SAC) Members for their contributions: Naomi Pinzone (Vice Chairperson), Sheree Hiller (Secretary), and Brendan Bartle (Member).

On behalf the School Advisory Council (SAC) and myself, I wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Christmas.

Thank you,

Larry Lucano