

# Chair of Council Report 2020

It has been a year different to any other year. The world has had to respond to the challenges presented by the pandemic and our College has needed to be flexible and adaptive. I congratulate the College Leadership Team on their regular and informative communication during the early stages of COVID 19. I know Mr Henderson is also very appreciative of the outstanding support and understanding provided by students, staff and families throughout the year.

Fee assistance has been provided to some families adversely impacted throughout 2020. A prudent decision was made to delay aspects of our master planning due to the uncertainty around economic factors. However, we are pleased that the College remains in a strong financial position and ready to embark on further exciting initiatives.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by our College Council and Sub Committees. The Finance and Risk committee, headed by Neil Hackett, has provided excellent guidance and support for the College as it has navigated the financial challenges of this year. I am pleased to indicate that there will be zero per cent fee increase for 2021 recognising the current unique circumstances.

Our Property and Planning committee, under the guidance of Rob Wallwork, has worked closely with the College Leadership Team and our architects to plan carefully for ongoing capital development at John XXIII College.

The Council acknowledges Mr Paul Donovan for his outstanding service as a member of the Council and previously as a parent and former student of the College. Paul's legal expertise has been matched by his passion and commitment. We are delighted to welcome another former student and current parent, Christian Owen, to the Council.

An important consideration during 2020 has involved negotiations with Catholic Education Western Australia Ltd (CEWA) with respect to our System Membership Agreement. It is an important agreement articulating governance requirements and recognising our independence as a non -diocesan Catholic School in the Ignatian tradition. Our College Council and Leadership Team is really pleased that greater clarity has been established.

Congratulations to year 12 students as they leave the College, and we commend them for the leadership they have displayed throughout the year. Thank you to all our teachers and other staff for their great work throughout 2020 and best wishes to all students and families for Christmas and beyond.

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College Council Chair



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