

## Lucie McCrory's

### Advisory Council Chair Report 2021

Council Members 2021: *Adrian Firth, Andrew Kelly (Principal), Danielle Santoro, Justin Kirry (School Rep), Lisa McClue, Lucie McCrory (Chair), Maura Killelea (AP), Mike Featherston (Parish Rep), Natasha Morgan (Treasurer), Sarah Williams (AP), Tamara Boyer, Tania Rego (Secretary), Suzanne Vinton (P&F Rep).*

It is with great pleasure, and a touch of sadness (being my final report), that I reflect on the achievements of the Advisory Council over the 2021 school year. It has certainly proven to be yet another busy and productive experience. From 2022 the Council will operate under a new governance arrangement. The terms of reference for the Council were circulated to the Council in October by Wayne Bull, Deputy Director of CEWA. Moving forward, the focus for capital spending approvals and the financial oversight and management of the school will mostly be redirected back to CEWA. As such, the Council will largely operate as a body that provides support, advice and services to the school, in the form of leveraging the contacts and intellectual and professional capital of members involved.

The Council approved spending for a number of teaching and learning related initiatives throughout the 2021 calendar year. Funds were allocated to the Science of Reading resources such as decodables and Professional Learning experiences for staff members. The IT infrastructure of the school was audited, and necessary upgrade adaptations were made. There is a plan in place to ensure superior Wi-Fi access and Internet reliability well into the future. Funds were also allocated for parent workshops in the areas of Cyber Safety, Behaviour Tonics and the Science of Reading. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marjorie Dohnt for her wonderful service to the St Luke's community over 21 years, and for her meticulous work on the school's financial accounts over this time.

Our Risk and Maintenance Subcommittee (*Maura, Mike and Tania*) initiated a structure and timeline for a Maintenance Plan this year. This plan ensures our school remains in good order, and that the grounds and buildings continue to be renewed and refreshed. Service providers were allocated accordingly to cost, and action items in order of priority were created and enacted. Risks were identified around the College and these risks are discussed and addressed at a Council level on a regular basis. The Risk Subcommittee will be particularly busy next year as the school undergoes its School Registration Audit early in 2022, which is an enormous undertaking for the school. Maura is aptly looking after the enactment of the Maintenance Plan at a school level.

The school has changed uniform providers this year to Tudor Uniforms. This new direction will enable parents to purchase uniforms online and will allow students the opportunity to try on various items on the weekend and Thursday nights. We thank Jodi Lyra for her enormous contribution to the St Luke's community through her significant years of service in the Uniform Shop.

The Capital Development Committee (*Andrew, Lucie, Natasha, Tamara, Lisa*) were working towards plans to build a new classroom to facilitate the bubble stream and to increase the learning spaces within the school. This initial plan has been put on hold for the new Principal to drive from next year. Other areas within the school, such as the staffroom, office space and uniform shop will be reconsidered as part of the new capital development plan.

The Marketing and Branding Subcommittee (*Justin, Adrian, Danielle, Suzanne, Sarah*) have had a busy year engaging the community by conducting action research and investigating options with

industry experts for contemporising the St Luke's unique message, symbols, and logo. Alongside the branding initiatives, the subcommittee have also increased their marketing efforts in the community. A new early year's education brochure has been published and distributed into the immediate community. The ultimate goal of the marketing and branding committee is to engage with and connect to the community in a meaningful manner, and to maintain St Luke's current status as the school of choice in the area.

Kerry Hewitson was appointed as the next Principal of St Luke's Catholic Primary School in September. Kerry comes to our school community in 2022 from her current position as Principal at Leschenault Catholic Primary School, Australind, a position she has held for four years. Prior to Kerry's Principalship in Leschenault, she was Assistant Principal at St Simon Peter Catholic Primary School in Ocean Reef, from 2010 to 2017. Kerry was a short-term Principal on three occasions during her time at St Simon Peter. Twice in the school and once in another school. In St Simon Peter she was Principal in 2017 for five weeks, and for nine months in 2015. Kerry was Principal at St Denis' in Joondanna for one year in 2016. We look forward to warmly welcoming Kerry to St Luke's next year.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Maura Killelea for taking on the role as Acting Principal in Term 2, she did a wonderful job. Adrian Firth will be concluding his tenure on the Council this year after four years of service. We take this opportunity to thank Adrian for his contribution to the Council and to the St Luke's community. His knowledge and experience, particularly in the field of marketing and branding, has been invaluable. This will also be my final year on the Council, after six years of service, four years as Chair. I would like to personally thank all members of the Council, for their time, efforts, professionalism, and collective commitment to achieving the strategic goals of St Luke's.

It is appropriate for me to conclude this year's report with a sincere thank you to our Principal, Mr Andrew Kelly. His service to the St Luke's community over the last four years has been significant. Andrew introduced considerable change initiatives into the St Luke's community. As Bernard Shaw stated, 'progress is impossible without change'. Einstein proposed 'without changing our pattern of thought, we will not be able to solve the problems we created with our current patterns of thought', and 'the measure of intelligence is the ability to change'. A school that changes often, reflects the societal need for us all to be adaptable amidst the constant of change. Under Andrew's leadership, the St Luke's teaching and support staff have introduced creative and impactful programs and teachers have continued in their pursuit to offer excellence in teaching and learning, innovation, and pastoral care. Our current and projected enrollments are strong, and the school is in a good place financially. Success in school, is attributed to a community of persons working together towards a common goal, and so, on behalf of the Advisory Council, thank you to the entire St Lukes Staff, led by Andrew, Maura, Sarah, and Justin, for yet another magnificent year. We wish you all a well-deserved holiday and hope that you enjoy the holy season and beyond, with friends and family.

### ***Thank you and farewell***

We wish farewell to the departing staff members (Principal's Report) and all the very best for your next chapter of life.