



# ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHETT

## St Agnes' School Advisory Council – Chair Report 2021

Firstly, I want to thank all the people behind the scenes that ensure St Agnes' Primary School continues to move forward, despite another challenging 12 months.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the teachers and staff for their commitment to our children this year. COVID-19 has brought a unique set of challenges, and the efforts from all our teachers and parents ensuring that our children's education was paramount, was very much appreciated. We can all empathise with the many challenges that home schooling presented, with trying to balance work, your own child's needs and internet issues. I have been proud to hear how well St Agnes' has been talked about in the local Bayside community, for the incredible educational program that was rolled out to our children in another challenging year. I know I am very thankful for all the hard work that went in to ensuring our children received the very best.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) has continued to meet this year, with most of our meetings again being via the screen. There has been plenty of discussions and I thought I would take the opportunity to highlight some of the projects we been working through with the school's leadership team -

- School Building and Infrastructure project
- Revisit School Advisory Council Constitution
- Vision and Mission update
- Homework Policy Review
- External Service Provider reviews

Again, the multiple challenges associated with remote learning was always at the top of the agenda, with the school's leadership team always looking to improve. The ability to adapt and respond to feedback, to continually improve & implement a successful online program, has been a real credit to the school.

In 2022, we look forward to welcoming 16 new prep students, with 10 new families amongst them. This is a testament to the work Lachlan Foott & the leadership team has undertaken, through establishing the Enrolment Maximisation Framework last year and getting out into the community to promote the future of St Agnes'.

As you are aware, we farewell John Whitten, Matt Cherry and Jane Barry this year. On behalf of the SAC and the parents, we would like to say thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our kid's education and wellbeing.

Thank you very much to all the members of the SAC for their contributions this year. Sally Forbes, who is also the SAC Representative to the P&F; our wonderful secretary, Charlene Vien; Carly Crough; Carly Monahan; Rob Stewart, and John Whitten. And, of course, a big thanks to our principal, Lachlan Foott.

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*Light in Darkness.*

I would like to encourage you all to look and engage with all the social media platforms the school is using. Please feel free to share a positive review on Facebook/Google about our school and spread the word about what a great job our school is doing.

We have such a great school community at St Agnes', and I urge you to get involved where you can. We have so many amazing people at St. Agnes' and it is very rewarding getting to know the people around us in our school community. It will be great to meet some of the new families too, seeing we have had such little contact with everybody in person these past two years.

As always, please feel free to raise any concerns or opportunities you may see within the school to your SAC representatives. The SAC is your voice to contribute to the school's leadership, so please continue to seek them out.

Fingers crossed for an uninterrupted 2022 and a return to our social calendar!

Regards,

Anton Duddy

St Agnes' School Advisory Council Chair