

St. Patrick's Primary School Advisory Council Annual Report
Chairperson's Message

26th November 2024

Dear Members of the St. Patrick's Community,

It is my pleasure to contribute to the 2024 annual report on behalf of the School Advisory Council (SAC).

This year, we have witnessed significant developments as we navigate the evolving landscape of education, shaped by challenges and opportunities in technology, well-being, funding, and resourcing. Through it all, our school community comprising St. Patrick's dedicated staff, Parish Priest, students, and families has remained steadfast in its commitment to creating an engaging, nurturing, and dynamic learning environment. Together, we continue to build a strong foundation to enable our children to thrive as active and informed citizens in an ever-changing world.

The leadership of our Principal, Pat Berlinger, in his first full year at the helm, has been pivotal in 2024. Pat and his team have introduced and implemented initiatives that have enhanced the fabric of our school, and it has been a privilege for the SAC to work alongside them as we collectively build upon the strong foundation of St. Patrick's.

Among the highlights of this year are several initiatives and events that have enriched the experiences of our students, families, and staff. While not an exhaustive list, these include:

- Educational excellence initiatives and new programs
- Faith and well-being activities
- Community engagement projects
- School camps and fundraising events
- Facilities upgrades to improve the learning and play environment
- The St. Patrick's Festival
- Biennial School Production
- Celebrations for Mothers, Fathers, and Grandparents
- Sporting carnivals and interschool competitions
- ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies
- The Sex Education and Protective Behaviours program

St. Patrick's continues to provide opportunities for students to grow in their faith. Many have taken significant steps in their spiritual journey this year through Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Justin for his invaluable guidance and support, and we look forward to deepening the collaboration between school and parish as we foster the spiritual growth of our children and their families.

On behalf of the SAC, I extend our thanks to our principal, teachers, and support staff for their tireless dedication to creating a nurturing environment where every

child can thrive. I also want to recognise the incredible work of the Parents and Friends (P&F) committee, whose efforts in organising events and fundraising activities have made a lasting impact on the school community. To our parents and caregivers, your partnership is essential to our collective success, and we are deeply appreciative of your involvement.

Finally, I would like to thank the School Advisory Committee members for their time, insights, and commitment throughout the year. Your contributions have been instrumental in ensuring that St. Patrick's remains a vibrant, inclusive, and faith-filled community.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue building on our achievements and working together to create opportunities that enrich the lives of our students and families.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Quirin

Chairperson, St. Patrick's Primary School Advisory Council