



ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHETT

St Agnes' School Advisory Council – Chair Report 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone working behind the scenes to ensure that St Agnes' Primary School continues to thrive. On behalf of the school community, I would also like to thank our dedicated teachers and staff for their unwavering commitment to our children this year.

This year, we welcomed 52 new students and 31 new families to the school, including many from St Joseph's Black Rock. I hope you have found St Agnes' to be a very warm and welcoming community and that your first year at St Agnes' has been a positive one.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) has been actively meeting throughout the year, engaging in numerous discussions around certain key areas. Highlights for 2024 have included:

- The Masterplan and future enrolment projections
- Capital works projects, including the use of the existing portable and future development of the asphalt area
- Planning for two prep classes in 2025 and 2026
- MACS school review undertaken by Dr. Judi Gurvich
- School fees
- The 2024 Fete
- NAPLAN results

This year the St Agnes' fete returned with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Organising this event required an immense amount of work, brilliantly coordinated by the 2024 St Agnes' Fete Committee and the wider community of families and teachers. The fete achieved the fantastic result of raising \$30,252, which we look forward to using for the benefit of the entire school community. We thank everyone for being an essential part of the successful 2024 St Agnes' Fete, and look forward to commencing planning for our 2026 fete next year.

Other key highlights in 2024 included the Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts and Liturgies, the Easter Bonnet and Book Week Parades, the Walkathon, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and the Art Show. These events are made possible by the dedication and hard work of all the volunteers who ensure each event is a resounding success. We truly appreciate the time and effort everyone puts into making these events successful.

Thank you also to our very active P&F Committee for another successful year of fundraising. The amount we raise for a small school is quite remarkable and a testament to the amount of effort and commitment you all put in. Fundraising efforts this year such as the Op Shop Ball and the Walkathon have been significant and have allowed us to be able to fund the resurfacing of the asphalt area, which will take place over the summer holidays. This is a significant achievement and one that all of our children will benefit from greatly. The school has also been lucky enough to secure supplementary capital funding through MACS to enable the refurbishment of the portable for next year which is wonderful news.

In 2025, we look forward to welcoming 31 new Prep students across two Prep classes, with 26 new families among them. We will also welcome additional students into other year levels. This will bring the expected total enrolment in 2025 to around 165 students. This is a testament to the work that Lachlan Foott and the leadership team have undertaken, through establishing the enrolment maximisation framework and promoting the future of St Agnes' within the community.

Thank you very much to all the members of the SAC for their contributions this year. Our Secretary, Fiona Newington, Carly Monahan, Joshua Ryan, Martin Cox, Karen McGoldrick, Caroline Cunningham, Amanda Baker, and of course, a big thanks to our principal, Lachlan Foott.

I encourage you all to engage with the various social media platforms the school is using. Please feel free to share a positive review on Facebook or Google about our school to help spread the word about the great work being done here at St Agnes'.

We have such a great school community at St Agnes', and I urge you to get involved where you can. We have many amazing people and it is very rewarding getting to know the people around us in our school community.

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.

Kind regards,

Felicity Langley

St Agnes' School Advisory Council Chair