

Maya Starr's speech for School Council: Welcome Picnic and the Yallabirrang Learning Story Fence.

A very warm welcome to all of our new families, whether in Prep or elsewhere, coming in to our beautiful school.

I feel that the time has now come to be publicly proud of who we are; our wonderful physical assets - theatre, library, basketball courts, gardens and ovals - and the wonderful people that make our school live - leadership, teachers, office staff and you, as families, all working together to support our biggest asset, our wonderful children!

Sally's fence is successful in proudly displaying both our presence and the very complex history of this Place to the school's most public boundary, Hoddle St.

Last year School Council enthusiastically agreed that the profits from our Spring Fair will be spent on projects to enrich our gardens and outdoor spaces, which benefit all of our community equally. If you would like to be involved in bringing these projects to life, please consider joining our Buildings, Environment and Sustainability (BES) Subcommittee.

We also have subcommittees in areas of Finance, Community and Fundraising and Educational Policy and welcome parent involvement in each.

Again, the warmest welcome to all of our families, new and old.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for generously sharing your lives to co-create the rich, rewarding community we have at Collingwood College.