

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR



It is with pleasure that I share the 2024 Churchlands Senior High School Annual Board Report. Our role is to serve the CSHS community so that all students have opportunities to flourish and be their best selves. We promote respectful partnerships within and beyond the School grounds through clear and honest communication, transparent processes, democratic and informed decision-making, as well as personal and professional integrity. We continue to work with local members of parliament to promote issues of significance for CSHS to the Minister of Education, for example, the GATE Academic Proposal and school funding.

In the interests of being inclusive we have a structured rolling membership profile to maintain a balance between diversity and stability. Students vote for two school captains each calendar year, whilst staff vote for two staff representatives every other year, and parents vote for three parent representatives every third year.

In addition, community members are engaged for three-year terms to provide insights and skills relevant to key areas such as local council, architecture, business and finance, law and the university sector. In addition, we seek broad input through face-to-face presentations or reports from stakeholder groups via various school committees, for example from the P&C (and its subcommittees which include the Uniform Committee and Music Parents Committee), the Finance Committee, Student Council, the Alumni, and Churchlands Foundation. Guest presentations have been warmly received from teachers regarding OLNA, NAPLAN and WACE results, a review of processes and procedures for formative assessments and the Academic Extension Program.

With the support of the Principal, the Board sought additional student survey data where it was felt the sample size was small and there was some ambiguity in the wording of some questions. Results from the follow up survey with a larger data set were more positive than the original results from the standardised Pulse surveys. More importantly the additional data allowed the Board to make

recommendations with confidence. With current staff and parent representatives nearing the end of their terms, the end of 2024 was an opportune time to review the existing School Business Plan to begin informing the next plan.

Looking back across 2024, governance duties of the Board included ratifying the School's budget, farewelling outgoing and welcoming new Board members, thanking and farewelling the 2024 School Captains, reviewing and endorsing the Workplace Learning Policy, Mobile Phone Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Student Behaviour Policy, Health Food and Drink Policy and Learning Support Policy. We continued supporting student initiatives such as the Environmental Club's recycling bins and Containers for Change, the Push-up Challenge fundraiser to support for mental health, and free dress days, as well as the return of school tours such as the Music Tour to Japan and the AEP Sydney-Canberra Tour. There is ongoing commitment to School improvement projects which has resulted in the removal of demountable classrooms and further upgrading of the top oval, plus the completion and opening of the STEM building. The front of the school landscaping project is yet to commence and will require some modifications due to the current building climate.

Board members continue to enjoy promoting the School in the broader community by attending various school functions such as the School Musical 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', the Community Arts Exhibition, various music concerts and P&C sponsored events, School Assemblies, as well as the Year 12 Presentation Ceremony.

I would like to acknowledge and thank current Board members for their meaningful contributions across 2024. It truly has been a privilege to serve the community with you.

Genevieve McSporran
Board Chair

