

# FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

It is with pleasure that I present the 2015 Churchlands Senior High School Board Annual Report and reflect on the activities of the Board over the last twelve months.

The Board congratulates the graduating class of 2015 and it was a pleasure to attend the graduation ceremony in November and see 299 Year 12 students graduate. Their performance in academic and non-academic programs was outstanding. Their results are a great testament, not only to the students and their families, but also to the principal, teachers, support staff and school management as a whole. This success has enhanced Churchland's Senior High School's reputation within both the education and general communities.

In many regards, 2015 was a year of incorporating and consolidating the first full Year 7 cohorts into the new Year 7 and 8 buildings and finalising major planning to accommodate future increases in the School's student and staff population. In 2016 Churchlands has nearly 2,500 students and 175 staff. Student numbers are projected to increase significantly to over 3,000 within a few years. This number of students can make it crowded and uncomfortable for students and put considerable stress on the School's staff, resources and infrastructure such as traffic and parking.

It is hoped that the Government will finally make a decision on the location of the proposed new high school in the City Beach area and quickly implement that decision so as to relieve some of the pressure on Churchlands and Shenton College as soon as possible.

Extensive consultation and planning for the \$39 million building program for new classrooms and facilities has now been completed and building works will commence in the second half of 2016 and be completed by the end of 2017. In particular, I would like to thank the Principal, Mr Neil Hunt, for his leadership and him and his executive team for their application and dedication to achieving the best outcome for the School.

The Board has been very satisfied with the planning, implementation and execution of the various strategies set out in the School's Business Plan. The members of the Board have strategic oversight of the School's achievement targets, finance and overall direction and have worked in positive unison with the School administration.

During the year the School Board has focused its efforts in the following areas:

- Review of the reports by the Principal on the progress of the Business Plan.
- Endorsement of the annual school report, school budget and student performance targets and achievements.
- Endorsement of the financial arrangements necessary to fund the school objectives, priorities and directions.
- Review and endorsement of current and future building programs.
- Support and promotion of the Board, the P&C, the Churchlands Foundation and the Alumni in the School and the community.

Serving on a School Board is a privileged opportunity to contribute and create better outcomes for the School, students, staff, parents and community. Members of the Board generously give their time and I thank them for their efforts and dedication. Many thanks to recently retiring Board members Prof. Ian Puddey, Kim Doepel, Nicole Duselli and Anne Paton.

The Board welcomes your input and encourages your feedback.

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