

2017 Principal's Report

I am pleased to present to you this Annual Report for 2017. It will give you some idea of what happens in the course of a school year at John Paul College. Many of the activities below are extra-curricular and occur around the central focus of the College, education.

Learning

In 2017 the College continued the Collaborative Project, facilitated by Dr Lyn Sharratt, supported by Catholic Education WA (CEWA). The programme focuses on 'putting focus on the data' and includes a whole school approach to teaching and learning. Under the direction of Tanya Stafford, our College Coordinator, we continually examine best practice and refine strategies for teaching and learning. Our IT Department finalised the first stage of our electronic data wall, a unique tool in the Sharratt strategy. This has been extremely helpful as part of the individual case management strategy. As part of our Sharratt strategy, 10 classes were allocated to Years 7 – 9 Literacy intervention and extension for gifted/talented students.

Again in 2017 the staff have provided rich opportunities for learning and support, with weekly tutorials and homework assistance for all year levels.



Extension activities have included the Tournament of the Minds (State Finalists), HASS Canberra excursion, Geography Camp, Sydney Drama Workshops, Sydney Music Festival, Esperance Music Festival, Goldfields Music and Choral Eisteddfod, Yohfest Dance and Drama Festival, the production Beauty and the Beast and numerous sporting activities including lightning carnivals for football, volleyball, cricket and the ACC Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, Outdoor Education Camps and a New Zealand ski excursion.



The College constantly evaluates courses for students to provide a breadth of education. Our Certificate I in Hospitality introduced this year by Mrs Sloan was very successful. Their talents provided catering for the Business After Hours, the College Arts Night, the VET thank you and they ran Bellissimo's, a night of well-presented and delicious Italian cuisine – along with a restaurant night with a Spanish focus.



In 2017 we introduced revised transition strategies for Year 7 classes, reducing the number of different teachers for Year 7's by having Year 7 Specialists. The Year 7 Community Group on Monday's has continued to assist students with transition.



Our Ed Support staff have continued to refine programmes for students with particular needs and I am pleased to report success with ASDAN – School to beyond transition, Drum beat – music and wellbeing, Multi-Lit – Literacy and Men's Shed – practical and life skills and mentoring.

In 2018 the College will expand its subject offerings with German developing into Year 9, ATAR Politics and Law, Psychology Year 12, and, with 6 partner schools and CEWA Leading Lights IT assistance, have created Vision, a Catholic Schools WA Online Learning network that allows mainly regional schools to expand subject offerings.

Engagement

Our aim is to work closely with our families and students but also to continue to enhance relationships with the wider community.

These courses, using state of the art IT systems and special training in online pedagogy will allow schools to expand their offerings. In 2017 the College will teach Earth and Environmental Science – a geology focused subject – to schools throughout WA. JPC students will be able to access ViSN for subjects not taught here, such as ATAR Health Studies.

During the Year, we celebrated parents with our Mothers and Father's Breakfasts and activities.

Our popular dance programme and socials foster the development of the social dimension of the human person.



The Music department has played a vital role in community engagement with performances at the local parish masses, Esperance Music Festival, Kalgoorlie Eisteddfod, Sydney Music Festival, singing at St Joseph's opening of classrooms ceremony, the College Arts Night, performances at local Primary Schools and singing at College and House Masses.



Similarly Drama and Dance performed for the community at Yohfest and the much acclaimed Beauty and the Beast at the Goldfields Arts Centre and the Goldfields Drama Eisteddfod.

Presentation Night was also an opportunity for our Arts students to showcase their talent.

Science once again amazed us with the Investigation Night display and the investigative prowess of our young scientists.



The College continues to support local events and was represented at Kalgoorlie and Boulder ANZAC Day services – and other events in the city such as St Barbara's Day.

Our senior RE Classes have been regularly visiting East Kalgoorlie Primary School and supported them on their Open Day. McAuley House has committed to helping out each week at O'Connor Primary School Breakfast Club. Many students gave up a Sunday to clean up after the Children's Charity Ball. Our Houses are committed to supporting various organisations working with the disadvantaged and the whole school community supports Caritas, Life Link and St Vincent de Paul.

In June the College hosted the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business after Hours Function. Mr Green and students entertained and the Hospitality students catered for the function with an impressive array of food.

The College has membership of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry and has a seat on the CCI's Education Direction sub-committee and Growing Kalgoorlie-Boulder Education sub-committee. It is vital that the College contributes to these committees as we feel we play an important part in contributing to the growth and development of our City and region as a desirable place to live and work.





There continues to be a number of sporting engagements beyond the College, including Perth ACC swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, Esperance Football, Interschool Volleyball, Cricket and Tennis. Thanks to Mrs Markham and staff, a lively JPC v CAP's Coolgardie Basketball Competition has been established.



The College Parents and Friends organisation under President Lara Miller continue to support the College and these activities.

Accountability

Annually the College works to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan, through prioritising the year's focus on the Annual School Improvement Plan.

Our Board, under the Chair Sarah Fletcher, Treasurer David Bowdidge and Chair Planning and Development Darren Wallace, work with the Leadership Team to provide the best facilities possible for our students. In

2017 we finalised the new Capital Development Plan.

Two Science laboratories have been fully re-furbished, two more over the summer break and in 2018 the new Design and Technology/Trade Training Centre will be constructed. This will allow us to expand our VET Certificate courses and provide a better facility for middle school classes.

This year saw a sixth stream added and the sixth stream will continue in Year Seven in 2018.

At the start of the year all staff were workshopped in the new Code of Conduct and at the beginning of Term Two our College Psychologist, Mel Gray, workshopped staff on the Childsafe Curriculum. This has been embedded into general learning programmes and the Well-Being programme.

We continue to provide a mentoring programme to graduate teachers to facilitate their progress from the TRBWA Graduate Standard to Proficient.

Our College is well maintained, with attractive grounds, I particularly thank our Grounds Team Greg McDonald, Steven Burnley and Dave Hill for their work and the contribution of our Bursar Margaret Orazi and the Administration Team for their efforts in creating an efficient office.

Our IT Manager Shane Martin and staff have a challenging task to maintain and keep upgraded a system where 800 plus people rely on a consistent IT facility. In 2017 we began the Bring Your Own Designated Device and this will roll out to Year Eight in 2018.

Discipleship

In 2018 we welcomed Fr Renald to the Parish and to the role of Chaplain. Fr Renald very quickly established an excellent relationship with staff and students and is on campus for a full day each week. We are also grateful to Fr Mark and Fr Hyginus for stepping in when Fr Renald was on leave.

Our liturgical celebrations throughout the year emphasise that we are a Christian community that celebrate our traditions.



On Founders' Day we are very much reminded of the traditions of the Order Founders. This year our special focus was on Bridget Clancy and Mario Buchner from St John of God Health Care was our special guest.

Each House celebrated their House Patron with Eucharist and special activities, including fundraising to help disadvantaged people, in the footsteps of the Founders.

The College, to many, is the face of the Church and we will always be striving to put Christ at the centre of the school.

Staff

Our College is a very busy place. The Teaching and Learning is a constant. In addition we have a huge tutorial and extra-curricular programme. Our 2017 Annual has caught a snapshot of this

but it cannot possibly catch the huge effort of students and the generous commitment of staff. I thank them for their time and effort over 2017. To those staff whose time has come to move on, we wish them the very best for the rest of their journey. For our Year Twelves, I wish you every blessing for the future and I thank you for your contribution to College life in your time here.

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