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## Advisory Council Chairperson's Report - 2022.

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From January 1, 2022, the School Advisory Council commenced operating under a new constitution or effectively a new Terms of Reference, with greater emphasis on collaboration in line with the needs of the College Principal. Our roles and responsibilities for the year required the continued provision of an overarching support network for Ms Coby Rhatigan, with ongoing contributions towards the strategic direction of the College, and its financial performance.

The Advisory Council also continued to work closely with the relief Business Manager, Mr Matt Ristic who stepped in to fill the shoes of Ms Amy Hyett who took maternity leave. Matt did an exceptional job throughout the year and left Broome in late November at the completion of his secondment from CEWA with a great Kimberley experience and more importantly a better understanding of the challenges that exist from the schooling side of role he previously supported.

During the middle of the year, we saw the early departure of our new Treasurer, Ms Nat Giancono who took up a new employment position actually at St Mary's College as the Director of Diverse Learning. Our secretary, Mr Grant Astles departed the Advisory Council mid-year to take up an employment role in Canberra.

The year 2022 was challenging for the Advisory Council, as COVID made it difficult to meet face to face, and eventually took its toll on the ability to meet as frequently as we had liked. Ultimately it was a busy year for all of the members of the Council, especially with their other employment roles and lives outside of this setting. Two of our long-term members decided 2022 would be their last year with us and we said farewell to Ms Mandi Dia after many years supporting the College Board, and Ms Francesca Quayle who spent the past 3 years dedicated to her role. On behalf of Ms Coby, the previous Principals, and the entire school community, we extend our gratitude to Mandi, Grant and Francesca for their commitment to the College.

In what was another busy year for the College staff - The Advisory Council would like to again commend you all on your willingness to adapt to learning changes and support of each other throughout each term.

We would like to congratulate Ms Coby Rhatigan on her first full year as College Principal after filling the role provisionally until the end of the first term where she was later appointed as the ongoing leader of the College.

To the Advisory Council members departing, and to those hopefully returning in 2023, thank-you for your visionary contributions and the expertise you bring to St Mary's College. I look forward to again working with you to improve the outcomes for all staff and students.

**Patrick Moase**

*Chairperson – St Mary's College Advisory Council*