

2023 Advisory Council Chair Report

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In 2023, the School Advisory Council had a slightly disruptive start to the year, with our first meeting taking place in March after several changes to the annual planned meeting dates. This included the nomination of new members and roles that took place in our first meeting, but typically would occur at the previous year's AGM.

The Advisory Council continued to work closely with the College Principal Ms Coby Rhatigan and the Business Manager Ms Amy Hyett on a number of learning and operational initiatives, compliance and strategies throughout the year.

We welcomed four new faces to the Advisory Council:

- Fr Liam replaced Fr Alexis who left Broome for Perth at the end of 2022.
- Dr Dersiree (Des) Taverner joined us and took on the role of Secretary which was managed with such astute attention to detail and meticulous record keeping.
- Ms Karen Dudley who accepted the role of Treasurer; and
- Mr Tom Gannon who joined as a new AC member.

We again continued to receive additional membership support from Ms Eugenia Leslie- George, and also Ms Chelsea Stewart who doubles as the P&F President also and dedicates an immense amount of her spare time to fundraising for the College through P&F initiatives.

In what is always a busy year for the College teaching and support staff, and on behalf of the Advisory Council members, I would like to again commend you all on your commitment to education and delivery of pastoral care to our students.

As I'm sure you have all noticed and appreciate, the College has undergone, and is undergoing, a significant number of infrastructure upgrades to support the need to modernise our buildings and grounds, streamline our drop-off and collection zones, and allow for enrolment expansion in the coming years. We thank the students and College Community for their understanding throughout the current year and into 2024 as these upgrades move towards completion.

To the Advisory Council members, thank-you for your dedication and expertise you bring to St Mary's College. I look forward to again working with you in 2024 to improve the outcomes for all staff and students.

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Chairperson – St Mary's College Advisory Council