

**Nagle Catholic College Board
Chairperson's Report
2016**

As 2016 has been and gone I would firstly like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our College Executive and Senior Leadership team members and thank them for their unwavering commitment and passion for all that they do. I would also like to thank the Heads of Learning Areas, Project Coordinators, House Leaders, Teaching Staff and other staff of the College, for their collaborative efforts to make Nagle the outstanding school that it is, and for providing a nurturing, supportive environment for our children to learn and grow as contributing citizens to our community. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our volunteers in the uniform shop for providing this important service to our school community, as well as the College P&F Association who this year made it possible for the Board to finalise the Nano Nagle statue podium, and who provided a significant financial contribution towards this project as well as contributing to our College in a range of different ways throughout the year.

2016 saw the opening of the Nagle Catholic College Carnarvon Campus, where the inaugural Year 11 students completed a successful first year. The 2017 school year has seen a further 11 students entering as Year 11s. The Carnarvon campus has allowed families in Carnarvon the opportunity to pursue a quality Catholic education for their upper secondary school children without sending them to boarding school, and the feedback so far from those families has been overall very positive. Only one student left the Year 11 cohort to re-enter as a Year 12, and this student gained an apprenticeship with a local business, so this is a really great outcome.

This year also saw a new era of boarding for our Nagle boarding students, with our students taking up boarding placements at the Geraldton Residential College. The transition to the Residential College for our students was greatly enhanced by the hard work of GRC staff and Board members, and the feedback I have received from Nagle families has been positive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and Board members at the Residential College for their assistance, and for providing a nurturing and supportive environment for our boarding families.

Nagle's Paschal Centre has undergone a renovation in the past few months in order to provide a more functional space for our staff, students and visitors and these renovations are now complete. I am looking forward to viewing the renovations some time in the near future. A renaming ceremony for this building will take place early in 2017 to justly reflect the importance of the Presentation Sisters to our College. This will take place in conjunction with the official unveiling of the Nano Nagle statue podium area, which is also nearing completion at the front of the College.

This year, there has also been a collaborative effort to review and finalise a new Strategic Plan for the College and I am looking forward to seeing the direction that Nagle takes to enhance the opportunities and development for our students, staff and the broader community as the strategies are implemented.

Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing Board members for their knowledge, contributions and commitment to the Board over the past two or more years, some of these Board members are renominating for positions on the Board however some will also be leaving us, so I thank you all for your support of the College. Also I would like to thank the Most Reverend Justin Bianchini for his support and advice over the twenty four years he has been our Diocesan Bishop and look forward to meeting the new Bishop when he is appointed.

Report presented by Mrs Debbie Carson, Board Chair