



Board Chair Report 2020

As the curtain comes down on 2020, I am sure many people are glad to see this year end. Our family, on the other hand, is sad that 2020 sees the end of our involvement as a family at Nagle Catholic College. I am privileged to have been the Board Chair for 2020, and a member of the College Board for the past three years. Being involved as a parent in the governing of the College gives you a different insight to the workings of the school. The College needs family support and involvement, so if you think you could contribute, please put forward your nomination in the new year to represent the parent body on the Board or the Parents' and Friends' Association (P & F).

Our new Principal, Mr Michael Williams, commenced this year with a very positive outlook for the College, and new ideas and directions for moving forward. With the support of the College Executive and Leadership Team, I believe the College is headed for exciting times in the future. I would like to take this opportunity, along with the extended parent body, to thank all College staff for their commitment to the outcomes for our children. We, as parents, put our children's educational needs into their professional hands every day, and the staff do their utmost to create opportunities and experiences to enable every student to succeed and achieve to their potential. We, as a Board, see firsthand the diligence and care the staff take, as several members of staff sit on the Board Sub Committees and meet every month with the Board.

Soon after the year began, and after only the AGM and one meeting, we were thrown into a global pandemic, COVID-19, that changed our world forever. The College was quick to respond to the restrictions that were put in place by the Government. The College led the way with online learning, enabling students to stay engaged with their learning and have contact with their teachers and other students, even though they were isolated. We thank the College for being so proactive in their endeavours to continue learning for our children. Some of the excursions and events that were part of the Nagle culture were put on hold, and some were unavailable for 2020. However, students were so lucky in that they were able to participate in so many more events and opportunities than many other schools in Australia. We are grateful that our Year 12 students were able to have a Graduation and the grand event of the year, the College Ball.

In 2020, the Board continued to support the long and short term financial plans of the College to ensure a sustainable future for students. The major project for 2020 was the refurbishment of the external façade of the original part of the main building on Maitland Street to fit the new windows. What an outstanding project this was this year, even during COVID-19. It has certainly made a difference to the external appearance of the College and the learning spaces for students and staff. The other project completed in 2020, that has been in the wind for some time, was the installation of the Nagle Warrior Course. This project came about after a submission to the Parents' and Friends' Association and the Board nearly two years ago, by a group of students who were keen to see a ninja type playground installed. At the same time, St Pat's Football Club had folded, and they donated the remaining funds from the Club to Nagle for the students to pursue physical activity. The Nagle Warrior Course has been a welcome addition to the Maitland Street lawn area and has been enjoyed by all ages. It certainly makes the transition from primary school to high school a little easier for many students, knowing they have an activity to do at break time.

This year also saw the introduction of the new, improved uniform. It has taken some time to be introduced, as the consultation process with students, families and staff was extensive to ensure a smooth transition to the new uniform. The uniform will be phased in, however, it is certainly a lovely update to meet the changing needs of students.



Enrolments are looking very positive for 2021, which is great news for the College. After all, the programs and learning opportunities offered at Nagle Catholic College hinge largely on the funding available from student fees. The constant assessment and gathering of feedback from students and families has enabled the College to introduce and adapt learning pathways to cater for differing students' needs and future careers. The College introduced the UniReady course this year for Year 12 students, with 16 participants who all successfully completed the course and are now eligible to enter select courses through Curtin University. The staff are to be congratulated on looking outside the box to engage students to reach their full potential.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Board for their contribution to the College. I would also like to thank the staff who give up their time to be part of the Board Sub Committees and to ensure the smooth governance of the Board. To all the College staff, on behalf of all the parent body, I thank you for your commitment to the vision of the College 'For Others'. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a parent at Nagle Catholic College and wish everybody involved all the best for the future of the College.

Mrs Jo Luxton
Board Chair