



College Board Report 2019

2019 has been a somewhat different year for the Board of Nagle Catholic College. Unfortunately, Ms Nicci Godsman the elected Chairperson unexpectedly relocated and subsequently resigned from her position. As a result, I was elected as chairperson to guide the Board for the remainder of the year. On behalf of the College, I express our thanks and appreciation for the contribution that Nicci made during her time as a Board member and as Board Chair.

With the year drawing to a close, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the College's Senior Leadership Team for their diligence and care. A number of these staff actively participate in members of Sub Committees of the Board and their input is always highly valued. The Board is aware that all staff work diligently to ensure that our children are cared for in a nurturing and supportive environment. The primary focus of the Board is to ensure that the short and long term financial plans of the College are carefully considered and sustainable. This year the Board considered two major items as part of the College's Capital Development Plan. An upgrade to student toilet facilities was completed in early in March. These works significantly improved the amenities for students. The second item involved going to tender to replace and refurbish the windows and external facade to the southmost building facing Maitland Street. This tender was finalised in November and will see the works commence early in January and be completed in April. Whilst a necessary upgrade, the replacement of these windows will see the removal of asbestos containing material in these windows, which was identified as part of a College wide audit earlier in the year.

During Term 3, the Minister for Education made a decision in relation to students from Nagle Catholic College accessing boarding facilities at Geraldton Residential College. Her decision was that all students, regardless of their school, have equal access to the facilities at a standard fee. The outcome of this decision means that the cost of boarding will be substantially reduced for Nagle students in 2020. This is a positive outcome for families, which also ensures that Nagle Catholic College retains the right to exclusive use of 45 beds in perpetuity.

Acting on advice from Catholic Education Western Australia, the College will close the campus which has been operating in Carnarvon. Senior students will now complete their schooling at St Mary's Star of the Sea. The College responded to the Carnarvon communities desire to access Catholic education in Years 11 and 12. Nagle's contribution has helped to bring this dream to fruition whilst positively impacting upon the lives of the local students. Whilst Nagle will no longer be the provider, it is pleasing to note the key role which the College played in helping the Carnarvon community to achieve access to Catholic Education for senior students.

To conclude, I would like to thank the College Principal, Mr Rob Crothers, as he prepares to take up a new role as the Foundation Principal of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College in Australind. His contribution to the life of the College has been highly valued and we wish him all the best for the future. I also thank our outgoing Board members for their significant input and involvement during their term of office.

Regards,

Mr Matt Silvester
Board Chair