



## Principal's Report AGM 2022

Good evening and welcome. A special welcome to our Clergy who are in attendance tonight. I also wish to thank the executive of both the School Advisory Council and P&F executives. As parents within the school you have a vested interest in ensuring St Francis Xavier's success and I thank you for your contributions this year. And welcome to my colleagues. I thank you for your presence this evening in amongst a very busy time of the year.

Although 2022 has been a challenging school year, it has also been filled with many successes providing us a unique opportunity to celebrate what makes St Francis Xavier a vibrant learning community. The past few years have been different but this evening it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of staff, students and parents in building our community.

As a faith community it has been very affirming to witness the participation and reverence receiving sacraments throughout the year. Importantly, our thoughts, words and actions show that Jesus is present daily in our school community. The introduction of Second Steps, complimented by Mr Gardiner's Monday morning prayer assembly has been a success. SEL data obtained during the year identifies students' growth in managing and complex emotions and relationships whilst becoming active participants learning. In 2023, I look forward to Monday assemblies returning as physical gathering event and continued growth in this area.

Our educational focus has continued from strength to strength this year with an ongoing commitment to explicit teaching in early year's literacy. Results in our most recent school-based and NAPLAN data highlight the importance and effectiveness of consistent, explicit, evidenced based programs.

As a school, one child was below the minimum standard and we are 5 points within the National Average, highlighting the success of the strategic direction that commenced in 2018. Although NAPLAN may be considered as one assessment, our results demonstrate the work over the past as being successful at supporting and extending students.

To all staff, thank you for all the interactions you have had, the conversations around improvement and making changes to support students learning. As a learning community we continue to celebrate the diverse gifts of our school. Aboriginal enrolments continue to grow as part of our commitment to the Transforming Lives Strategy, as too the work of our Aboriginal staff. The engagement by Miss Crow, Mrs, Cook and Miss Barley with families has been a highlight, giving students a sense of pride.

I also thank Mrs Beaver and Mrs Clark who commenced Allied Health Support study in 2021 and officially graduated this year. The work they undertake at providing speech and OT support is an example of their commitment but also how St Francis Xavier continues to lead educational initiatives to meet student needs.

And I know that these are only a few examples of the additional work staff undertake.

I wish also to acknowledge Judi and Murray and the front office staff. The administrative requirements of the school continue to increase and your support and unwavering commitment to the school and myself have been appreciated.

At the conclusion of the year, many staff are departing St Francis Xavier. After borders closures, several staff are taking the opportunity to travel, and I wish them well in their adventures. Others are undertaking leadership positions or changing schools within our system. I thank all staff for their unique gifts and talents and the care, commitment and love they showed for the students at St Francis Xavier.

The P&F Executive, under the guidance of Tania Newey and diligent support of Chris Plunkett, continued to meet and develop opportunities for the school community to join together. Unlike other P&F's, the focus is on friendship raising not fundraising which ensures all families have equal and equitable access to events. In a year with reduced opportunities, they have been creative and worked tirelessly to ensure events occurred. I thank the Executive for their support and guidance this year and look forward to several changes in 2023.

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The School Advisory Council, under the guidance and leadership of Chair, Jason Bunter, has continued to reflect and plan for the ongoing improvements to the school. Operating under a new terms of reference took some adjustments, however, the passion and honesty of the School Advisory Council has been greatly appreciated. Capital works are scheduled in several areas which will optimistically commence in 2023. To Jason Bunter who has served as the Advisory Chair and been an advocate for our school community I thank you. Your leadership and support has been greatly appreciated and as you step down from the role I thank you on behalf of the St Francis Xavier community.

As we reflect on the 2022 school year, our successes have been numerous. These would not be possible without a dedicated staff, a supportive Advisory Council, P&F and a parent body that are united by common goals.

We are Christ Centred and Child Focused which ensures the students today and into the future continue to develop as lifelong learners. I thank all members of our community and wish you a very happy holiday and Christmas Season.

God Bless

Ben Doyle  
Principal