



School Advisory Council Report

Annual Community Meeting (29 November 2023)

St Jude's Catholic School is a compassionate and welcoming community. We centre our learning in Christ and strive to achieve excellence as we affirm, nurture and develop the gifts of each child.

The School Advisory Council is responsible to the school community and Catholic Education of WA to provide advice for the financial administration and strategic direction of the school. We are entrusted with the duty of planning on behalf of the school community, with the staff and CEWA to meet the present and future needs of students and have an advisory role to the Principal with respect to school policy

To start with I would like to thank all the members of the 'School Advisory Council' for their dedication and support over a slightly less challenging year for the staff, students, and parents. Our Principal Carmel Costin, Father Terry Raj, Secretary – Bina Jesuraj, Treasurer - Mark Duchesne, Shane Ballingall and Alison Pano. I also thank our Assistant Principals, Graham Maher and Kristy Madafferri who were observers at our meeting. On behalf of the committee and school I would like to thank Mark Duchesne for his time on the 'School Advisory Council' as he will be leaving us at the end of this year. I am also thankful for the invite during the year to attend the Catholic Schools Advisory Council Chairs Conference. It was an opportunity to meet other Chairpeople from around Western Australia from both large and small schools and to hear presentations in relation to Technology, Security and Mental Wellbeing of students, teachers and the wider school communities.

Our school is in a strong financial position, and we look forward to implementing new projects and initiatives in the future, some ongoing and some new. Some highlights from this year included the following:

- Several grants were received that allowed the school to improve areas around the grounds from the worm farms and gardens to:
 - New backboards and work on the Basketball courts
 - Table tennis table in the undercover area
 - New playground and equipment
- Edu-Dance which I know all the kids and families love. And the streaming of the day has been appreciated I'm told.
- After School care was finally granted permission and has been a wonderful success

I wish all our Year Six students the best of luck as they enter the next phase of their lives in high school. I hope that they take many pleasant memories of St Jude's with them.

Lastly if anyone is interested in a position with us lovely people on the committee, please feel free to come forward at any time. We meet around once a month for an hour. On behalf of the Council, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2024.

God Bless
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SAC Chairperson