

SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT

2016

BOARD OPERATIONS 2016

The 2016 College Board included existing members Joe Stillitano, Mark Murphy, Neal Miranda, Samantha Wasley, Anne Zaninovich, Michaela Carr, and Sr Marie Therese Ryder. Helen Marchesani was a welcome addition. Brian English stepped down from the Board, but fortunately remained with the Building Sub-committee.

This is the last of my 6 years on the Board and I thank all Board and Sub-committee members I have worked with over that time. I am always amazed at how ready they have all been to take on additional responsibilities.

To enhance operational efficiency and provide appropriate governance and oversight the Board has formed four Sub-committees to assist it with discharging its role; these are explained below.

- **BUILDING SUB COMMITTEE**

Our Building Sub-committee had an extremely busy year and it is only through their dedication that we now have our new gym; appropriately named the Koort Centre. The Koort Centre is an outstanding addition to our college campus and maintains our status as one of the most desired Catholic Colleges in Perth.

Building Sub-committee members, together with Business Manager Steve Martin have lived and breathed this project for the last two years and the outstanding result they have achieved is a great credit to their diligence.

My thanks to Steve Martin, Joe Stillitano and Brian English. My special thanks to Joe and Brian who no longer have children attending Sacred Heart, but were still prepared to give up their time to ensure the success of this project.

- **FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE**

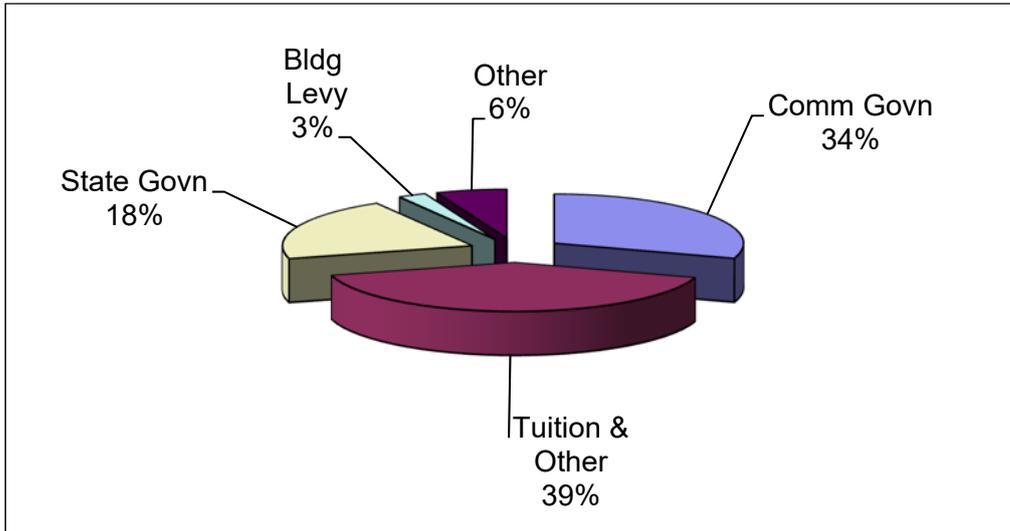
The Finance Sub-committee welcomed the additional expertise of Helen Marchesani. Helen and Anne Zaninovich provide an outstanding level of governance to what is an increasingly complex financial operation. Business Manager Steve Martin and Assistant Business Manager Kate Fellows provide the Committee with a very high level of reporting, that gives the Board great comfort that the College is in a sound financial position.

The College continues to perform very well against a range of financial indicators, outperforming a number of other similar sized colleges. A number of challenges will confront the College in the years ahead, but we are well placed financially to meet these obstacles.

One of the key tasks that the Finance Sub-committee performs each year is the review and oversight of the annual operating and capital expenditure budget. Once again this has been diligently attended to and, at its November meeting; the Board approved the 2017 budget. An overview appears below:

INCOME

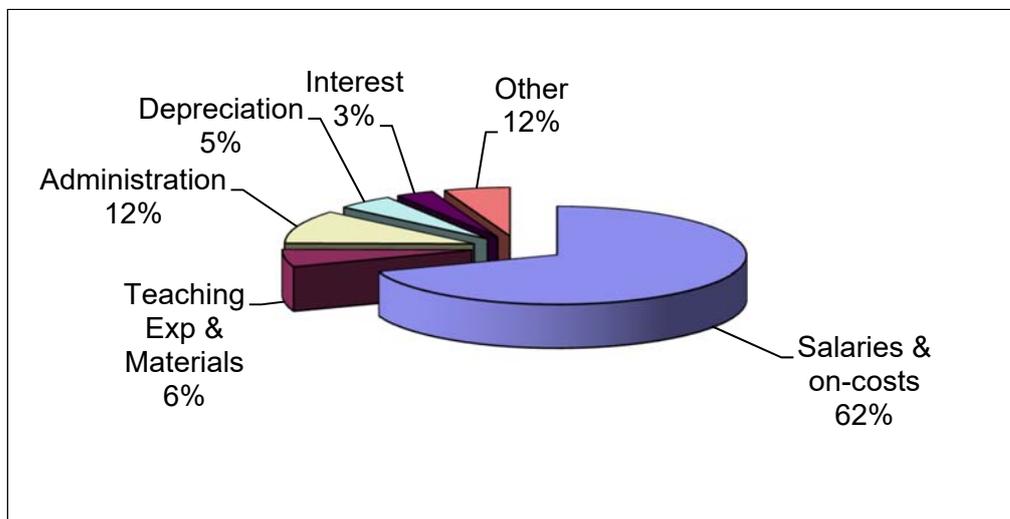
• Tuition & Other Fees	\$10.252M
• Building Levy	\$ 0.682M
• Commonwealth Grants	\$ 8.948M
• State Government Grants	\$ 4.827M
• Other (P&F, interest, cafe, uniform, Theatre etc.)	\$ <u>1.520M</u>
• TOTAL	<u>\$26.229M</u>



EXPENDITURE

• Salaries, Allowances & on costs	\$17.256M
• Teaching Exp & Materials	\$ 1.739M
• Administration	\$ 3.330M
• Depreciation*	\$ 1.200M
• Interest	\$ 0.751M
• Other (Capital imps, Cafe, uniform etc.)	\$ <u>3.409M</u>
• TOTAL	<u>\$27.685M</u>

*non cash item



This budget has allowed the College to minimise fee increases for 2017 in what is perceived as tougher economic conditions for our parents. The Tuition Fee and Resource Levy will increase by 2.75% which is well below the amount permitted by the Catholic Education Office. The Building Levy which is already at the lower end of similar sized schools will increase by 6.25%.

- MARKETING SUB COMMITTEE

The Marketing Sub-committee, guided by Michaela Carr together with Community Relations Officer Catherine Kolomyjec has ensured that the College celebrated its 50th Anniversary in an incorporative and appropriate way. The activities undertaken celebrated the past, future and present of our College. I was proud to have been your College Board Chair in this our milestone year and acknowledge the work of all previous Chairs and School Boards, together with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in building our great history.

- RISK MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

The Risk Management Sub-committee was again active in providing effective governance to the varied risks associated with managing a school. Under the leadership of Steve Martin, with the guidance of Neal Miranda, the College has developed best practice risk management strategies and is recognised as a leader in this area.

Adrian Goh continues to promote Work Health & Safety, providing a safe working environment for both students and staff along with visitors to the College.

BOARD INVOLVEMENT

In addition to the various sub-committees, the Board maintained a good relationship with the P&F through the work of P&F representative Sam Wasley who continues to fill a number of roles in advising the School Board.

COLLEGE EXECUTIVE

The relationship between the Board and the Executive is critical to the effective functioning of the operations of the College. In what proved to be a challenging year, the Executive all stepped up, taking on extra roles and ensuring the continued success of the College.

Trevor Lynch led the way in this regard and whilst we looked forward to the return of Peter Bothe, Trevor's achievement in maintaining the effectiveness of his team was commendable.

BOARD

Like me, Joe Stillitano finishes his term with the Board this year. As I have previously mentioned, Joe has been key to our building projects and I wish to thank him personally for his outstanding contribution.

To anybody whoever asks me why I chose to be on the Board, I always reply it's because of the great people I get to associate with. There's no question that I have received more back than I have put in. Thanks to all. I believe the College will go on to another very successful 50 years.

Michael Heath
Board Chair
December 2016