

# School Advisory Council

## Annual Report



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**School:** MacKillop College

**Year:** 2023

School Advisory Council Members: Chris Caldwell, Cath Corcoran, Mairead Taylor, Rosy Klyscz

Nimal Pandithakoralege, Praful Albuquerque, Rosemarie Walsh, Fr Albert, Jason Gomes, Adele Hegedich, Carey Pittaway, Paul Scott

The School Advisory Council Annual Report should acknowledge the activities, achievements and challenges of the council and committees over the past year, reference the council's evaluation, and indicate goals and focus for the following year.

### School's Vision and Mission Statement

**Our Vision:** Celebrating all life, Challenging all people, Dreaming the new day

#### Our Mission:

MacKillop is a Catholic college in the Josephite tradition. Inspired by the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we strive to:

- encourage individuals to reach their full potential as life-long learners by providing an innovative, challenging and collaborative learning and teaching environment in a rapidly evolving society;
- foster leadership by empowering and developing all members of the school community;
- enhance positive relationships in a supportive community by promoting justice and a sustainable future;
- support wellbeing by affirming the intrinsic dignity of each individual, embracing diversity and empowering active citizenship;
- witness to the presence of God amongst us by celebrating our Catholic heritage as a faith community.

In this, we seek to be disciples of Jesus, our model for authentic humanity.

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Provide a summary of the council's evaluation process.

In person. Discussions were held at the last meeting for the 2023 School year on 29 November. Reflecting on the year that was.



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What activities were undertaken this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• Transition of Leadership – to new Principal and new Chairperson of School Advisory Council.</li> <li>• Monitoring progress of the Building Project for St Mary's Campus.</li> </ul>
How successful were these endeavours?	The Council's activities contributed to a successful transition to a new Principal, the ongoing financial soundness of the school and the continued improvement of the School's facilities through the commencement of the Building Project for St Mary's Campus.
Highlight the greatest achievement(s) of the council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful transition of Leadership (new Principal and new Chairperson)</li> <li>• Successful expansion of the Finance Committee</li> <li>• Commencement of Building Project for St Mary's Campus.</li> </ul>
List any committees or working groups.	The School Advisory Council has the following Sub-Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee</li> <li>• Finance Committee</li> </ul>
What were their activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee – gathers to discuss and set agenda items for the next meeting. These agenda items are raised by the School Advisory Council.</li> <li>• Finance Committee – meet to discuss the financial position of the College, funding, current building projects, income etc.</li> </ul>
List the key achievements or decisions made by these committees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful transition to new Principal</li> <li>• Financial stability</li> </ul>
Outline/summarise the council members' presence at school functions.	Good attendance at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School Opening Mass</li> <li>• Speech Night</li> <li>• College Musical</li> </ul>
List any challenges the council encountered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retirement of our former Principal (Rory Kennedy) mid-year and instalment of our new Principal (Chris Caldow).</li> <li>• Introduction of a new Chairperson (Paul Scott)</li> </ul>



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How were the challenges overcome?	By ensuring that there was a hand-over period of sufficient time to ensure Chris Caldwell had, in the context of our school, a good understanding of his role and responsibilities, the operation of the School Advisory Council, the operation of the Sub-Committees and the role of the members of these groups.
Was any expert advice invited onto the council? Who, for how long and for what purpose?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VCE Results</li><li>• College Captains and their ambitions for next year.</li><li>• New VCE/VM structure</li><li>• STEAM Program</li><li>• NCCD – Nationally Consistent Collection of Data</li><li>• Learning &amp; Teaching – Instructional Playbook/Model</li></ul>
What are the goals of the council for next year?	2024 Support the strategic plan of the school 2024 Look at next capital building works.
What will be the main focus?	Successful completion of St Mary's Campus Building Project
Did an evaluation of the council take place?	Yes – by all School Advisory Council members except one. This member was an apology. Facilitated by Chairperson: Paul Scott

