



## **Lumen Christi College Board Annual General Meeting Chairman's Report 2019**

As my tenure on the Board at Lumen Christi draws to an end on this, our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, I would like to explore the progress and direction of the College over the last six years. However, firstly, a review of 2019.

The College welcomed Mrs Karen Prendergast to the Lumen Christi family as the new Principal. Congratulations, Karen, on your appointment and welcome! Karen brings a strong focus on the teaching and learning aspects of the College and in due course will be rolling out significant planning and change processes intended to maximise the learning experience of our students. I have great anticipation of the next few years and believe our children stand to benefit greatly from this new focus.

The year has not been without its challenges. However, despite this the College has performed well as the focus for investment moved from tangible capital to human capital. The creation of the "Ideas" team and the completion of the "History Walk" mark key milestones in the implementation of the transformational "Vision for Learning" philosophy in collaboration with the University of Queensland. Lumen Christi is to be congratulated for being an early adopter, as others attempt to enter the program in the wake of a core group of leading-edge Colleges.

The students have also excelled this year producing some stunning results. Examples include the Year 12 team winning the *Young ICT Explorer's* competition in WA and finishing in second place in the Australia/NZ competition in Sydney. Another second place was earned by our Year 7s in the arts in the WA *Songlines Upon the Earth* printmaking competition. Our students also were the beneficiaries of some important leadership opportunities such as the *Burt Youth Forum* (Y12s), hosted by the Federal Member for Burt, the *GRIP Student Leadership Conference* (Y9s) and the *Halogen National Young Leaders Conference* (Y10s).

Further achievements of our talented students were displayed to the College Community through the many events hosted by the College throughout the year. Amongst other things too numerous to mention, this includes the pearls of the annual program: *The Annual Art Exhibition*, the *Dance Showcase*, the annual production this year being *The Witches* and the *Catholic Performing Arts Festival*. Congratulations to all who participated, the quality and sophistication of the student contributions continue to impress our visitors.

The highlight of the personal development program at the College is, without doubt, the *Emmaus Retreat*. The feedback of the Year 12 cohort is that this event is the highlight of the year! Although that was until the massive *Australian Catholic Youth Festival* had its impact!

Coupled with this the College offered experiences such as the Youth Summit, Vinnies Winter Sleepout, Dump a Jumper, Project Compassion and the various outreach programs.

Through all these experiences, the College offers students the opportunity to develop across the full spectrum of the *Guiding Lights*. I would urge all members of the Lumen Christi College community to continue to embrace and live out these tangible values daily.

Over the past six years, the College has experienced great change. A significant upgrading program has seen a large proportion of our learning spaces modernised and expanded. The Administration Centre received an overhaul and the front entrance area benefited from a significant improvement program. The College continues to receive positive feedback in respect of its infrastructure which provides students with a positive learning environment. However, in the coming years, the focus has begun and will continue to change. The less tangible aspect of teaching and learning will receive an overhaul to ensure students are offered the best opportunity to reach the full potential of their God-given talents, whatever they happen to be. The students are the life and purpose of the College and the optimisation of their potential to achieve in a rapidly globalising economic context is a significant challenge. Coupled with the increasingly technology-based development profile of the market place, the College must lay the foundations now to ensure the students of Lumen Christi are equipped to be leaders in our society and promulgate their Catholic ethos into an increasingly secular and political culture. This challenge seeks the attention of both College staff and parents, and I wish all of you the determination, discipline and faith to live out the life that God has planned for each of us.

Thank you for the humbling opportunity to act in a leadership role in our community and I wish courage and wisdom for those who follow.

God bless, and may the Light of Christ shine on all that we do.

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**College Board Chairperson**