



Lumen Christi College Catholic Schools Advisory Council Annual Community Meeting Chairperson's Report 2023

This year, being my first on the Lumen Christi College School Advisory Council, it was rewarding to see first-hand what happens behind the scenes in the daily running of a secondary school. I have thoroughly enjoyed chairing the School Advisory Council thank council members who have also actively been involved and committed to working in partnership with the College Executive Leadership Team and community.

At the heart of decision making are the students at Lumen Christi College. This year was busy with less covid related restrictions giving more opportunities for the learning of all students through incursion, excursion, and events.

Highlights of the Year

The year began with the traditional welcoming of the Year 7 cohort and new students. In March, the College welcomed visitors from Catholic Education. Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of CEWA led the visit, which was a great opportunity for Principal Karen Prendergast and the Executive Leadership Team to showcase the College indoor and outdoor contemporary learning environments.

The Harmony Day Mass recognised and celebrated the multicultural community of the students and families. During the Mass, 16 different languages were spoken and sung by the students.

There were many opportunities for the students to engage in extra-curricular activities planned and organised by staff. Many families attended the College to celebrate their child or children's achievements and none of that would be possible if it wasn't for the committed staff.

The Lumen Christi College vision is *"to form resilient young men and women with a passion to learn and to be a light for others"*. The College is continually changing to connect with the modern world in which we live. As a result, the upgrading of school resources and developing contemporary learning environments is a top priority.

We also saw the development of the new uniform for 2024. The College sought student and community voice in developing a uniform which would suit the 21st Century. The final product was a perfect example of the "behind the scenes" work and dedication of staff, moving forward in an innovative way in a world that is continually changing.

This year also saw student numbers increase. This is great news for the College, and it is a credit to the College Executive Leadership Team and staff and what they offer. This year there was no increase in school fees which makes the College more affordable for families who choose a Catholic Education for their child or children.

Parent Voice has been working hard for the College and there was a rise in members being involved in the meetings which has been wonderful. The College has been able to provide several wish list items from donations received from parents. I thank all members of the Parent Voice for their time and commitment to the College.

Finally, I have enjoyed representing the College community in my role as Chairperson. I look forward to continuing to represent parent and community voice of the School Advisory Council.

Best wishes.

Louise Archibald
Catholic School Advisory Council Chairperson