President’s Report

Introduction
Margaret, Antonietta, Maria and I welcome you all to the annual Servite College Parents and Friends Farewell to 2018 with a combined and exciting strategic planning forum. We would like to thank the College for arranging this special event and thank everyone for attending. This presentation includes the year’s events and achievements together with the Treasurer’s Report (See slides presentation).

This year’s Servite College Parents and Friends’ relationship and contribution to the College’s Learning, Community, Ministry and Stewardship Domains include:

Fundamentals
Throughout this year we have maintained the fundamental values and methodology of our P&F here at Servite College working in collaboration with the College, focusing on its dedication to promoting a community of learners and the importance of parents becoming learning partners with their children and the College.

Learning
We have continued to implement free parent engagement sessions involving signature guest speakers who present on current social, emotional and educational topics. These engaging presentations involved:

- Paul Litherland, an ex-Police Officer who is an expert in the field of digital safety issues and solutions;

- Mr Steve Morrison, our College Counsellor and Mrs Franca Coutts, our Vice Principal presenting on restorative practices, understanding adolescence, student wellbeing challenges and family support tools.
And our smaller, regular Parent Connect Sessions on SEQTA lead by Mr Trevor Galbraith and Mr James Maitland was held again this year and will be provided again by the College next year. With the support of these wonderful gentlemen, a Parents and Friends portal has been established and parents were encouraged to provide feedback on the College portal in general, from a parents’ perspective during this session.

Community Engagement & Hospitality
Servite College Parents and Friends values its purpose and position in the College where we can focus on community engagement and hospitality:

- We were excited to welcome our Year 7 parents for 2018 in January this year on the morning of their child’s first day of high school and we’re looking forward to doing the same for the 2019 Year 7 parents next year.

- On St Philip’s Day this year, we joined the students in helping raise funds for their four core missions by donating and raffling off a TV won by a very enthusiastic and satisfied student and our voluntary Entertainment Book Fundraiser resulted in proceeds of $672 going to KORA soon.

- And working in collaboration with the College to help welcome in the new year with a bang, we held a Servite Community Festival offering delicious food, live music, fun activities and more, celebrating our Seven Holy Founders and the 60th Anniversary of the College. It was very well received and we are happy to be holding next year’s Festival on Friday, 15th February.

Master Plan Contribution
Being invited to offer feedback on the College Master Plan has been an exciting opportunity for us all and this year, we were proud and privileged to pledge funds towards the upgrade of the Auditorium which is well on its way to being the impressive, ultra-modern performance centre envisioned by the College, parents and students.

2019 Format
We will continue to follow the format set out last year with a small change in the number of presentations to allow the flexibility for Parent Connect Forums to fall under the College and their schedule and provide scope for morning, afternoon and evening sessions.
Term One:
Welcome Day One
Community Festival
Strategic Forum

Term 2:
Presentation/Parent Connect Session

Term 3:
Presentation/Parent Connect Forum

Term 4:
Year 7 Info Night
Annual P&F Farewell and Feedback Workshop

2019 Presentations/Forums
Details of guest speakers, learning forums and other opportunities for parents to inform themselves on the development of the school’s Learning, Community, Ministry and Stewardship domains will be announced in due course.

Thank You
You only need to read the newsletter each week to see the College is alive and booming with the many, and for the most, innovative learning experiences and activities promised by the College over the year and for that we are proud to be associated with the staff, students and community here at Servite. So we wish to thank you all; Jeff, Franca, Shane, the College Council, John, Roseanne, Ryan, Steve, Emma, Kris, Sandra, Val, Sue, Trevor, James, Jonathan, Graeme and Wayne from the Maintenance team and all Teachers and Staff. The opportunity allowed as parents to witness and benefit from your dedication to our children, the future of the College and support of the P&F makes our roles a joy and privilege and we thank you sincerely.

And to ‘my’ team, Margaret, Antonietta and Maria. Your constant support, enthusiasm, friendship and exuberance is what makes my role all the more enjoyable and gratifying. As always, it’s been a pleasure and a blessing to have worked along-side you all again this year and I extend my love and appreciation tonight and always. We will however, be saying farewell to Antonietta, who has fulfilled her role as Treasurer brilliantly for the past 3 years. She leaves us as an Executive member however, will remain a treasured friend. We will miss you on the team and we thank you with all sincerity for your dedication, time and ever-attentive support.
And we would like to thank all of you, our wonderful and insightful parents for supporting the P&F and College by giving of your time to attend forums, volunteering and for listening and giving feedback – your contribution is invaluable and we hope you have enjoyed and taken away valuable information about the College throughout the year and feel empowered to continue to be a community of learners and learning partners with your children and the College.

Best wishes,

Tania Cleverly, President
Servite College Parents and Friends