

2019 Yearbook Principal's Report



Welcome to our Yearbook for 2019. Schools are busy places and the Yearbook is a snapshot of some of the activities over the year.

Special thanks to Mrs Liz Parker for putting this together and to our JPC Community contributors. Enjoy your read!

Discipleship



We are very fortunate to be well supported in our mission by our Chaplain Fr Renald and Fr Brennan, Fr Matthew and Fr Jeffrey.

We celebrate many liturgies over the course of the year and the presence of Fr Renald and the other priests is much appreciated.

This year, Ms Adriane Markham took on the role of Liturgy and Faith Formation Coordinator and held the responsibility for liturgies and the Retreat programmes, assisted by many staff.

A number of staff became Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, trained by Fr Renald; they will also assist in the parish.

I am very pleased that we have several staff and current and former students undergoing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. They will be formally admitted into the Church at year's end.



Our professional development programme for staff has included a focus on spirituality and we have been guided on this journey by Sr Margaret Schaff from the Catholic Institute.

Ms Markham is revising our Faith, Story and Witness (FSW) induction programme for new staff. Part of this FSW tells the local story about the pioneers of education in the goldfields - the sisters and brothers who started the five schools. The earliest school began in Kalgoorlie-Boulder in 1896, just three years after gold was discovered here.

Education

Our professional development programme for staff in the Learning domain continues to focus on student improvement based on Professor John Hattie's Visible Learning. A whole staff PD was conducted in Term 2 and our lessons have a common methodology and common feedback proformas - essential to achieve maximum effect size improvement for each student.



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The staff continue to provide rich learning opportunities and value add with their generous contribution to daily Learning Area Tutorials, before and after school, Homework Club and Year Seven Community Group.

Extension activities have included the Solar Car Challenge (inaugural winners), HASS Canberra excursion, Yohfest Dance and Drama Festival (regional winners for two categories), Arts and Technologies Night, HackED, Annie Production.

Our Phys Ed staff also provide multiple opportunities for students in the sporting and recreational area, which include ACC and a variety of carnivals including (F) AFL, (M) AFL, Volleyball, Cricket, Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics and Outdoor Education.

The Certificate II Hospitality Course, introduced this year, has allowed the students the opportunity to increase their skills in "front and rear of house". The biggest event was the huge Mother-Daughter breakfast.



German was rolled out to Year Ten this year and includes a course offering for Year 11 in 2020.

ViSN courses expanded this year and continue to allow students from the College - and in other Catholic schools across WA - to access courses not able to be studied at their school. The College taught Earth and Environmental Science and Human Biology across the state.



In 2020, we will begin the Certificate II courses in Metal Engineering and Building and Construction in our newly completed Trade Training Centre.

The College's School Improvement Focus Team (SIFT) meets regularly over the year to focus on teaching practice and student learning. I am particularly indebted to Ms Tess Krischock for her outstanding effort in her role of chairing this team. Sadly, she returns home to Queensland in 2020 but she will leave knowing she has truly value added to student learning.

In 2019 we have been preparing elements of the Vision for Learning (2021-2024) we will be creating over 2020. This Vision for Learning will guide our direction for the next four years.

During 2020 we will be seeking input from all members of our community.

Community

A major part of the College's Outreach programme has been to reach out to East Kalgoorlie Primary School. Throughout the year, Senior School students have visited East Kalgoorlie, assisting and interacting with students. East Kalgoorlie students have visited the College several times and were involved in the College's NAIDOC celebrations. A group of our students also participated in East Kalgoorlie's NAIDOC celebrations.

MacKillop House, under Mr Halvorson, continued to assist weekly with the O'Connor Breakfast Club.



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We continue the practice of being involved in the Parish masses over the year. Parishioners appreciated the choir at these masses. The choir also participated in the Sunday Mass of the Catholic Performing Arts opening weekend at St Mary's Cathedral. The Director of Music at St Mary's came to the College to conduct a workshop with students prior to the Mass.

Our musicians also performed at the Esperance Music Festival and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Eisteddfod over two weekends.

The College's Drama, Dance and Music students gave a wonderful performance of Annie in May; what an opportunity to display such talented young actors, singers, dancers and musicians.



In August we again saw our students on stage with a number of acts at the YOH Fest performance. Two acts won their regional category and competed in Mandurah in October.

Our Certificate II Hospitality students have been learning new skills and putting them into practice with events such as the Business after Hours, the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son breakfasts and other occasions, including the sponsorship drinks and nibbles prior to Annie.

In Term 3, Prendiville House launched the Breakfast Club on a Thursday. Mr Forlano and student and staff helpers have done a wonderful job of welcoming and feeding students on a Thursday morning.

Our Head Girl, Amy Astill, with a significant number of Year 12 helpers, also launched the initial Year 12/Year 7 Mentoring Programme: Designed by Amy to ensure students get as much help as possible in this important year of transition into High School.

In Term 3, the Executive Director of Catholic Education in WA invited members of all Catholic School Communities to participate in the process of reviewing system policies. These facilitated sessions focus on "What makes a good Catholic School?" The sessions took place in the "Hub" at the CEWA office in Leederville. In 2020, the "Hub" will become a travelling roadshow, including a visit to the Goldfields where everyone will be able to access sessions.

The College will also be consulting and working with our community as we build the Vision for Learning 2020-2024 and the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan for John Paul College.

Stewardship

The College's construction over 2019 of the Trade Training Centre has certainly created a lot of interest in the community. This project, Stage 14 of the College's building plan, will allow us to increase our course offerings as we now have a facility that enables us to launch the Certificate II in metal Engineering and the Certificate II in Building and Construction. The Trade Training Centre is spacious and well equipped and our Year 7 and 8 Design and Year 9 and 10 Design and Technology Wood and Metal

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students will also benefit from a significantly enhanced learning space.

Stage 15 of the College's Capital Development Programme began in the Term 3/4 holidays with the placing of the Shade Sail poles in the Canteen Quadrangle, internal demolition of the Canteen - for the rebuild into a self-serve Canteen with modern food preparation equipment. Stage 15 also includes a covered walkway on the College's west side, from the MacKillop block to the Trade Centre. The old D/T Wood, Metal and Textiles will be gutted and rebuilt into a Robotics Learning Area, a Fashion and Textiles Centre, a Special Needs area and a new Multipurpose Room, to include 3D printers for design. The MacKillop classrooms will be totally refurbished and the MacKillop Quadrangle will be enclosed and become a multipurpose learning area. 2020 will be an interesting year as we navigate around three building sites over 12 months.

I am pleased to report that the College's Registration Audit - a new audit model - held in September was signed off by the Executive Director. I am indebted to all of the staff who assisted in this audit process.

The College's new Strategic Plan will also include a more rigorous risk management model, something that has become more necessary as our awareness is raised of risk issues - beyond the traditional OHS issues.

Our students are served very well by our staff. They give generously of themselves and their time. I am extremely grateful to the staff for their never-ending generosity.

To the staff moving from the College, we thank them for their effort and wish them well for their new endeavours.

For the Year 12s who have finished schooling, God bless and good luck for your next stage of life's pathway.

To our Board members, particularly Ann Spence, Chair, we thank you for your input and support. Also, to our P&F, chaired by Sharon Henderson, we appreciate your time.

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