



# The Launceston Preparatory School

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Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to the 2018 AGM of The Launceston Preparatory School.

I would like to start by thanking the teaching staff for your dedication to the schools children on a daily basis during the year. As if the daily hustle and bustle isn't complex enough to deal with you all expertly handled the 'hustle and bustle' of the critical incident of August last year and we acknowledge and thank you for that. You have former students, including George Coe who achieved the highest ATAR score in Australia last year, amongst your alumni as evidence of the success of your work.

2017 saw the school reregistered until 31/12/2022. This provides the formal authority for us to operate. The education registrar in making the determination noted that the school has very capable staff and sets the benchmark for other schools in the region. I thank all involved for your work in gaining registration and the subsequent delivery of the school improvement plan.

This school is expertly led by Leonie & Harriet. I would like to thank you Leonie for the knowledge, professionalism and interest in the children that you bring. Words are not enough really to acknowledge your valued contribution but acknowledge it we do. Harriet, the energy and enthusiasm you have displayed in your first year as Co-Principal has impressed and we acknowledge and appreciate the fact that you do not, never have or never will have second thoughts about taking on the leadership role that you have.

Eamonn will I expect acknowledge Jody's contribution but Jody's my mate so I might as well thank and embarrass you as well. Thank you Jody.

In terms of board achievements during 2017 I would like to highlight the work of David, Craig & Madeline of the risk committee in completing a comprehensive best practice risk register for the school. I look forward to working with the committee on operationalizing that document during 2018 and beyond.

2017 saw the passing of a long-term member of our school community in Dr John Grove. I did not personally work with Dr Grove but I thank him all the same for his contribution.

Looking forward to 2018, consistent with note 10 in the FS, the Board is committed to kindergarten/early learning centre redevelopment. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

I would like to close by saying that I have enjoyed my first year as chair, which has been made easy by the board that we have in Peter, Eamonn, Madeline, Craig, David, Michael, Hannah & Jackie. Thank you all.