



The Launceston Preparatory School

Truth and Happiness

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Change and dealing with what life throws at us is part and parcel of growing up. In terms of change, you will see in the nominations shortly that my time as Board Chair is coming to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed the chairman role and will continue to support the group as Deputy Chair. Can I thank the Board members who have assisted me over my 5 years in the leadership role as Chairman. I have always felt supported and encouraged. Leonie & Harriet it has been a pleasure, the school community has the most committed and competent leadership around and for that we can be thankful. Supporting those two is Jody whose support and effort I have also greatly appreciated. Thank-you Jody.

Can we take a moment to congratulate Craig Stenton on the leadership role that he is about to embark on and wish him all the best for that. Craig has been on the board for many years now and has the full support of the group and we look forward to working under his leadership.

In terms of what life can throw at us, 2021 started with a flood, literally. Covid management and the various requirements and rules were a constant challenge and continue to be so.

The Board continued its work on the strategic plan and made progress on governance matters, the building master plan and an information technology review. Work will continue on these and other areas in 2022.

2021 saw the passing of our friend Bruce England. Bruce was a valued member of not only the school community but of Launceston and we thank him and miss him.

We are all here today and everyday in our school activities to support and encourage the children and they remain our focus. In an increasingly complex world with its many challenges, providing the children at school and in our lives with a safe and enjoyable environment in which to learn and grow is something that we all benefit from.

Thank-you

Simon Ward

Chairman