



The Launceston Preparatory School

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THE LAUNCESTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL INC

TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ADDRESS TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022

Good evening, on behalf of your Board of Management I am pleased to present the 2021 Financial Statements of The Launceston Preparatory School to you, its members.

Firstly, I can confirm to you that your School is solvent – that is, it is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

I am pleased to announce that for the year ended 31 December 2021 the audited accounts of The Launceston Preparatory School show a net surplus of \$230,953, positive cash flows and a strong balance sheet.

I do not intend in this forum to provide a detailed commentary around the financial statements however they are available for you all to view and I am more than happy to take any specific questions you might have as are our auditors who are here tonight.

Of our total revenue of \$2.7 million in 2021, 55% is from Government funding, 37% from tuition fees and 7.5% from insurance recoveries after the Multi Purpose Hall flood. 67 cents of each dollar we earn are spent on our teaching and administration staff, arguably our greatest asset. We invested in two new teaching positions in 2021 continuing our commitment to reinvest in the school, both in the physical assets as well as our people.

Your boards focus this coming year will be to deliver on the objectives of the strategic plan, with a key element being the building master plan to ensure we can provide the best environment for our students to learn and ensuring our staff are best equipped. Planning is well progressed, and I am excited for the opportunities over the coming years. We are all fortunate that through prudent management and planning by our current and previous Boards and the school's management team, we are financially well positioned to deliver on these strategic priorities.

Your Board remains well aware of the impact of tuition fees on family budgets. We have continued to maintain small increases of 1.5% or \$110 per student per year for the past six years.

I am pleased to announce that our auditors Crowe have issued an unqualified (i.e. clean) audit report for the 2021 financial statements and would like to thank Malcolm Matthews and his team at Crowe for their service to the school over many years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank fellow Members of the Board of Management, our Co-Principals and staff for their dedication, hard work and prudent management.

Thanks also to our Business Manager Jody, who continues to diligently manage the school's finances and deliver a solid set of numbers at each board meeting.

I would also like to thank Simon for his guidance and support during my term as Treasurer and am pleased we retain his accounting knowledge and broad skills on the board.

Finally, I would like to move the motion:

That the report on the Financial Statements and affairs of the Association and the Auditor's Report be approved.

Michael Howard
Treasurer, The Launceston Preparatory School
24/3/2022