



The Launceston Preparatory School

Truth and Happiness

Chairman's Address

Good evening everyone,

It is my pleasure and privilege to address you tonight as Chairman of the Board of the Launceston Preparatory School, as we celebrate what was another amazing year for our School. 2022 was a year that saw the school 'come of age' in achieving its 40th anniversary, further cementing it as well-established and respected in the Launceston community and beyond. The school is known for providing a unique education, which values children above all else: a school that focuses on the individual, to equip them with all the social skills and knowledge they need to become caring and active citizens in the world. This is a very special school, unique in its philosophy and values and one that deserves to flourish and positively impact the lives of many more children into the future.

The Board has been active in the past year and has successfully completed a full review of the school's risk register. This is now divided into monthly schedules in recognition that risk management is a key function of the Board, ensuring safe and compliant governance of the school. The Board has also initiated several subcommittees which has seen us maximise the contributions of our members within their particular areas of strength or interest. As a skills-based board this has allowed us to embody the statement that is printed on all board meeting agendas, which reads: "as a Board we will strive to work in a collaborative, respectful and inclusive manner to achieve inquisitive and supportive oversight and set strategic direction for The Launceston Preparatory School." I would like to acknowledge and thank all members of our Board for their hard work and support throughout the past year, and I look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2023 together as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The school has certainly achieved a great deal in the past year, which I know the co-principals will highlight shortly. However, I would like to mention some particular highlights such as: the school again achieving the maximum period of registration, with no conditions, from the Non-Government Schools Registration Board; the careful and diligent handling of pandemic related matters; strong enrolments across the school; the commencement of planned facility upgrades which began with the maths classroom; and the overall excellent educational outcomes and amazing learning opportunities that occur here every day.

The Board recognises and values the staff of the school, both teaching and non-teaching. We were very appreciative of the time taken by staff to participate in the feedback survey for the Board. This provided insight into the thoughts and opinions of all staff, and

highlighted some themes that could drive opportunities for continued improvement at our school. Thank you again to everyone who participated in this.

In conclusion, I believe that my first year as your Board chair has been very enjoyable and it is indeed a privilege to be able to continue my strong association with The Launceston Preparatory School. Our co-principals Harriet and Leonie are amazing people to work with and I thank them both for the co-operation and encouragement they have given to me, and for their absolute dedication to the wellbeing of the children, staff and the entire school community. I also thank Jody, who runs the business administration of the school with caring professionalism. What a team!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Launceston Preparatory School.