

School Advisory Board

2021 at St Damien's has been an amazing year!



We have welcomed our new Principal Mr Daniel Gooch, who, with his family has settled into our community and brought a newfound energy to our school. We have seen our enrolment numbers nearly reach full capacity in every year group for the first time.

St Damien's have undertaken a range of school improvements this year. The new access, grassed area, gardens and fencing on our southern boundary are nearly complete with the fencing and facade surrounding our Parish to be completed by the end of the year.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to our legendary gardener Chris Salmeri. The amount of work you do above and beyond what your job is does not go unnoticed Chris, thanks for making our school look as amazing as it does.

The classrooms have not missed out either. This year our School upgraded our original aging WIFI network and installed new SOLTO locks on all classrooms, this was a huge cost, but the safety of our kids must be the number one priority. A big thank you to our P&F for supporting this upgrade as these locks will protect our whole school community for years to come.

Our teachers all received the latest MacBook's as part of our technology plan which was met with screams and a few tears of joy, and our Kindy play area is getting its very own makeover. St Damien's is also at the age now where critical maintenance will be required to keep our school at a high standard so a strategic maintenance plan will be implemented and executed in 2022 and beyond.

A special mention goes to Katelin Lampard who has stepped up this year to assist Mr Gooch and Mrs Leighton as part of our leadership team. Your professionalism and commitment to our school needs to be recognised and we thank you for all your efforts. That brings me to our leadership group for 2022, as you should all be aware, we will be welcoming Mr Peter Hazebroek back to our school as our new Assistant Principal. Peter is well known in our community and along with Mr Gooch and Mrs Leighton the school is in very safe hands.

Our School Advisory Council has also welcomed some new faces in the past year, but sadly we have lost and will be losing some of our longest serving members at the end of 2021. A huge thankyou goes to Steven (Sunny) Sun who left us at the start of the year and to Kelly Oldfield who finally has no more kids at our school... your knowledge and honesty has been a huge driving force to get our school to where it is today.

In closing I want to thank all our staff, parents and students for 2021, we have had challenges but together we always get through them. Our community spirit is acknowledged and applauded by CEWA leadership and is the envy of other schools.

Thank you,

Ben Dell

School Advisory
Council Chairperson

