



## **Chairperson Report 2019 AGM**

Good evening, and welcome to the 5th AGM at Mother Teresa Catholic College.

It sure doesn't feel like 5 years, although I'm sure Geri and the school staff don't think that!!

It is beautiful to witness the growth of this wonderful, thriving College community, you should all be proud of what we have achieved to date and the incredible things that we will create and achieve for future generations.

Once again 2018 has seen huge changes at MTCC, with the new high school quickly taking shape, I'm sure you will all agree, that it looks quite spectacular.

We are most fortunate to work with Parry and Rosenthal Architects, who ensure the quality of the building stages, meet the highest of standards.

The first secondary students started year 7 back in February this year, there were a few small hiccups to begin with, which were rectified quickly and without too much disruption, to the students, they have settled into the school well and continue to grow, in, education, faith and learning about themselves.

Our learning community of students and staff continue to flourish in the purpose built, contemporary learning spaces, with our state of the art classrooms and outdoor spaces that are as beautiful as they are purposeful, allowing for flexible learning environments that are so integral to MTCC, to be enjoyed now and for future generations.

It's wonderful to see how happy and connected the children and parents are at MTCC, you see it every day as they come into the college grounds, smiling and glad to be here, it's a testament to the magnificent teaching staff who care for and support the growth of every student.

This year we welcomed Anne Aquino officially to the role of Associate Principle, a role in which she has slipped seamlessly into and what a blessing it is to have her on board with us here at MTCC, Anne exudes what MTCC is all about, the nurturing of our children's wonderful, creative minds.

The primary responsibility of the MTCC Board is for the financial administration of the college. It is also entrusted with the duty of planning, on behalf of the college community, with the college staff (through the Principal) and with the CECWA to meet the present and future needs of students.

In 2018 the continued building of the secondary campus has been one of the main focuses of the College Board. In 2019, the College Board, leadership and design team will continue to

focus on the secondary campus, the completion of stage 3A and the start of stage 4. Very exciting times ahead for our students, staff and school community.

The College also had a School Cyclic Review, the School Cyclic Review is a relatively new Government requirement for re-registration of the College. It focuses on the effectiveness of the Schools engagement with self-review, the impact of the self-review on school improvements and the future directions for the improvements that the school have identified. The Board was involved in meeting with the Reviewers on behalf of the College community in a question and answers interview.

On behalf of the MTCC's School Board I would sincerely like to thank Geri O'Keefe , the leadership team and the entire staff of MTCC for their continued efforts in making the school a safe, enriching and happy experience for our children. I would also like to thank the P & F for their consistent hard work in running both social and fundraising events for the school. Your assistance in building a strong sense of community with each event you have provided for the children of MTCC and their families is truly appreciated.

I extend the appreciation to the parents and caregivers, thank you for making the effort to participate where possible in school activities such as reading groups, excursions, sports carnivals to name but a few. These activities and events simply cannot occur without your assistance. Finally, on behalf of MTCC, I wish to thank to the School Board members who give up their time to address important matters affecting the financial and operational aspects of the school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you again in 2019

Tara