



# School Advisory Council

## Annual Report 2023

The School Board's role remains steadfast in its commitment to collaborate closely with the School Leadership team, offering counsel and expertise to facilitate the School's operation where appropriate. Specifically, our duties encompass: 1) strategic planning for the School's present and future; 2) participation in staff selection processes; 3) diligent financial oversight; and 4) providing support to the Principal in shaping School policy. What continues to inspire us as members of the School Board is the privilege of witnessing the multitude of activities that enrich the fabric of our School and wider community.

I take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all members of the Board for their dedicated service to St. Michael's School in 2020. The composition of the Board for the year included: Siobhan Galos, Michael Sheridan, Jo Borg, Emma Walke, JR Lagura, Alesha Austin, Micky Walton, Iain Mason and Kate Paul. The School Board's collective wisdom transcends individual contributions, and the diverse perspectives and skills each member brought to our deliberations greatly advanced our mission of providing a high-quality education to St. Michael's children.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to our parents for their invaluable contributions to the St. Michael's community. Whether through their commitment to the Board or P&F, active participation in class and school events, or support for the numerous activities that enrich our School calendar, their involvement remains an indispensable and cherished part of our school community. Your contributions, despite the demands of busy lives, are deeply appreciated.

I want to convey my thanks to all the staff at St. Michael's who, day in and day out, have invested their time, energy, and hearts into nurturing the young minds in our community. The entire team's unwavering commitment, boundless enthusiasm, and unflagging dedication have been the cornerstone of our children's growth and development. Your passion for education and enduring kindness have not only imparted knowledge but have also sown the seeds of lifelong learning, empathy, and character within our students. Your work is a testament to the power of education and the transformative impact it can have on our community. Thank you, for a year of remarkable growth, learning, and inspiration. Your selflessness and devotion are deeply appreciated, and you are the heart of our school's success.

From a financial perspective, we maintain a strong and secure footing, attributable to prudent and strategic decision-making throughout the year. This financial position provides the school solid footing to propel it towards implementing 2023-2026 School Improvement plan of the School across the four areas of: 1) Catholic Identity; 2) Education; 3) Community; and 4) Stewardship. I'm excited to see this plan come to fruition and look forward to its positive impact on our children and wider community.

Lastly, it would reminisce of me not to acknowledge the outstanding leadership and dedication to the St. Michaels community of Dr. Siobhan Galos as she moves on to a new chapter in her career. I want to thank Siobhan for her steadfast dedication to our School Community and for leaving such a strong legacy from her tenure. You will be missed!

Take great care,

Dr. Dave Parsons

Chair