



WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

2021 BOARD CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT presented to the 2022 APM

As we look back on 2021, I am filled with a sense of pride in all that the School Board has achieved together over the last twelve months. While the year had presented itself with many challenges, the Board had stayed true to its course in providing governance and support to the school executives while helping to enhance the learning environment for the students.

This year, the School Board took a tangible step of commitment to students' mental wellbeing through the commencement of the Green Space project, a joint initiative by the Board and the School. The Board considers safe green space one of the key factors for promoting students' mental health and wellbeing. The Board thank ALCOA, Gilberts Fresh Market and Raymond Chen of Top Realty for generously contributing to the Green Space Project. The Board also thank parent representative Chris Phillips who played a significant role in helping to secure the 'Alcoans Coming Together in Our Neighbourhoods' (ACTION) financial grant. The School Board is committed to being relevant to the student body and this year, the Board began an initiative to increase students' representation at School Board meetings, with participation from the Year 10 Student Councillors. The Board believes student representation will help to promote student voices and provide students with direct access to Board members to raise difficult issues and challenges faced by the student body at Willetton.

The Willetton Alumni is an integral part of the school community, and the School Board celebrates the successes of our alumni. The Board congratulates Madison de Rozario, alumni class of 2010, for excellent performance in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Likewise, the Board also congratulates Luke Jackson, alumni class of 2019, for playing a key part in helping the Melbourne Demons win the 2021 AFL Grand Final.

The function of the School Board is only made possible with members who sacrifice their time and effort. I would like to sincerely thank all the parent, staff and community representatives for their invaluable service and contribution to the Board throughout 2021. The Board is grateful to Helen Wong, the Board Executive Officer, who works tirelessly to make sure the Board functions seamlessly. Likewise, thank you to all the parent volunteers who sacrifice their precious time to help run the second-hand uniform shop, bookshop, and the Willo Parent Group. The Board also thank the Rotary Club of Willetton, which continues to play an important role in the Willetton community, providing many ongoing opportunities for our students to grow in their leadership skills through various programmes and awards.

Finally, the Board congratulates the graduating class of 2021. Their accomplishments both in academic and non-academic programmes are evidenced by the commitment, not only of the

students but also their families, the principal, the teachers, and all the non-teaching staff. Their outstanding achievements continue to enhance the reputation of Willetton as a place of excellence in education. I encourage all students to step into the new year with confidence knowing that they have it in them to excel and to overcome whatever hurdles lives throw at them.

Mr John Yeo
Board Chair