



ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, QUEENS PARK
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 17th November 2025

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.03pm. Prayer led by John Rose

2. Present

23 attendees as per the attendance register

3. Apologies

Fr Peter, Bec Bowen, Dean Gorey and Lisa Winkler.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of last ACM Meeting – 18th November 2024

N/A

5. P&F Report

Good evening everyone, I'm Belinda the president and treasurer of the p&F. This past year has been a challenge to say the least, we started the year with just a president - Kirsty, and myself the secretary. To be honest we were a little worried that we were going to be able to form a committee as our meetings weren't exactly popular

However, we put the call out to the school community with the possible threat of no fundraising activities or family fun night if we weren't able to gather members. Fortunately that strategy worked and within a few days we had multiple offers and Mel came on as vice president, and our first meeting was a huge success with over 15 in attendance, the biggest I've seen.

From there and over the next couple of meetings we also formed individual year groups through class representatives in messenger which was a huge success because a lot of the challenges come with getting our message out.

Unfortunately in August we lost Kirsty who was a massive part of the P&F and is really missed, luckily Claire stepped up to help us on the committee, so thank you. It's definitely been a big task this year with a very small and fresh committee, but having people at our meetings ready and willing to help has been amazing.

As there is no current treasurer I will also be doing the treasurers report within my report

So far done figures:

Our current balance is 59,733

This year we have contributed \$2,279 to the year 6 leavers shirts
Football gurnsey \$960
Early learners \$1094

Not a lot I know but not a lot of requests have come through so teachers get prepped for next year we are ready to spend.

Fundraising for this year:

Mother's Day stall made \$2771
Easter raffle \$1929
Disco \$3150
Father's Day \$2270

I am also pleased to announce that we have a great committee going into next year as I step down from duties. Thank you to Claire coming on board earlier this year as you have been a massive help especially after Kirsty left us Claire will be stepping into the president role as of next year and thank you to Mel for continuing your role as vice president.

A huge thank you to John, Lynn and Bec your support over the years is unwavering and you have been amazing to all of us. Also to all the teachers, your support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Re election of new board :

President : Claire Grzinic
Vice: Melissa Thompson
Treasurer: Janet Farrelly
Secretary: Stephanie DiDidio

6. Chairperson's Report

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting for the St Josephs school School Advisory Council. For those that don't know me, my name is Tanya Ellis, and I am the chairperson for the advisory council. In my spare time I am also the Mum to Georgia and Connor, and we have been member of the St Joseph's community for the last 9 years.

Before I go any further, I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land in which we meet today, the Whadjuk Noongar people, and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and TSI people here tonight.

The main roles and responsibilities of the AC is to provide strategic and financial planning, to endorse the annual budget for CEWA approval, and to support the Principal and the leadership team in decision-making processes that affect the school's long-term goals and daily operations.

Thank you to the Advisory Council members' of 2025 – Father Peter and Laura (our Parish representatives), Charmaine (Secretary), Jamie (Treasurer), Dean, and David, Kirsty and Belinda (P&F representative), as well as John Rose, Lynn Tomlinson, Bec Bowen, and Robyn Kelly.

At the end of this year the SAC says goodbye and thank you to 2 members, Dean Gorey and David Anderson. I'd like to thank these members for all their contributions over the last 3 years. I look forward to welcoming the newest members for 2026 and thank them in advance for their time and commitment

The major project for 2024 and 2025 was the renovations to our school library. These were completed earlier this year, and I know our children and staff have loved this new space. In my previous life I worked in schools providing 1:1 therapy for children with additional needs, and I would have loved to have the space that our library does now, a separate room for privacy and ease of distractions, but with access resources, I'm sure any therapists that come into our school and use this would be impressed. To be able to afford this expensive renovation took many years of planning financially, making sure we were in the right position to afford it. And I am proud to say that although the budget took a huge hit this year, we are still travelling well.

Also in 2025 we have purchased additional Ipads, upgrades to furniture and furnishing for classrooms. We have also upgraded the shade sails and soft fall in the kindy playground, the spiderwebbing of the adventure playground, and have updated the fire alarms throughout the school.

Once again, the P&F have been responsible for some amazing events and fundraisers this year. As always, the Easter Raffle, Mother's and Father's

Day stalls and school disco were all very well attended and therefore financially successful. The Musical Bingo event to raise important funds for cancer research was so well attended and a worthwhile cause close to many peoples hearts.

Thank you to Kirsty, Belinda and all the fantastic P&F members for all your hard work throughout the year. We now look forward to the Family Fun Night, which is always a huge highlight of the year.

Now to John. What do I say about our esteemed leader of the last 8 years?

You have been the backbone of this school for so long I don't know what St Joseph's will look like without you. The parents were all so impressed you had down pat every student's name within the first few months. I remember one day leaving school with my 2 children and a friend, where you stopped us at the gate and asked the child, by her name, is she was going home with Georgia's mum. Knowing who belonged to what parent is not as easy task in a school of 900 students!

On behalf of the SAC and parents of our school, I would like to thank you for all that you have done for our community. It takes a special type of person to lead a catholic primary school, and you have done so with care and compassion that will be greatly missed. We wish you all the very best, and hope that Our Lady of Grace knows how lucky they are to have you.

Congratulations to Lynn on the appointment of Short-Term Principle for semester 1 next year, we look forward to working closely with you.

To the real MVPs of St Josephs school – The staff. I have had the pleasure of connecting with most of you over the years and I can honestly say we have some of the most talented, patient, dedicated and forward-thinking staff. The work you do every day does not go unnoticed by the parents. Just when you think it's all too hard or just not worth it, please remember you are helping to educate and raise our future generation of scientists, doctors, electricians, journalists, actors, dancers, receptionists and most importantly teachers.

We are so grateful for the kindness and love you show our children every day. You don't just teach lessons, you live them – and that's what makes school such an important place. Thank you for all that you do and for being the heart and soul of this school.

Congratulations everyone on making it through to week 6 of term 4, just one last push the year will be over and bring on 2026.

Thank you.

7. Principal's Report

I would like to say thanks to our whole school community for making St Joseph's the school that it is. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to continue to walk and work with staff as we develop the students of St Joseph's spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically. I would like to thank Fr Peter for his spiritual leadership. This school is very fortunate we have a Priest who is active and visible for the students. Fr Peter cherishes the Sacraments and school masses, and we sometimes take it for granted and don't realise or understand how fortunate we are with a Priest that can give a message to students and staff in his sermons.

Thanks Fr Peter.

I would like to say thanks to Bec & Lynn who are amazing Assistant Principals and genuine humans who are always working for the betterment of the students at St Joseph's. Your support and leadership is greatly appreciated, particularly by me, but by all staff. Thanks to Aoife who works tirelessly for the students. I appreciate your knowledge and input at our Leadership Meetings. I know the school is in great hands with these three people of character.

To the whole staff of St Joseph's I am amazed at the culture of St Joseph's with the staff being so resilient despite personal challenges throughout this year. I am impressed how the staff pick themselves up, dust themselves off, roll up their sleeves and continue to work for the students of St Joseph's. Your commitment to your vocation is inspiring and makes it so enjoyable coming to work each day. Staff have consistently rallied around each other, and I see the Spirit of Jesus in them as they support each other. Please join with me in thanking our staff.

I don't like singling out events, but I'll give an example of something that has stuck in my mind why St Joseph's is such a great school. In Term Two staff were invited to see the movie *Tina* which is a movie that demonstrates the power of a positive staff student relationship. It is essential to know your students and our staff always go that extra mile in developing these positive relationships.

In 2025 St Joseph's performed above the national average in all 10 assessed areas in NAPLAN in Year Three and Five. It is easy to brush over this stat as we consistently achieve this every year, but I do want to highlight our ongoing academic excellence. Our focus area of numeracy is showing good progress. In 2025 St Joseph's was significantly above the CEWA average for the Religious Education Assessments in Year Three and Five.

Two long standing educational assistants left earlier this year in Mrs Cvejic and Mrs Elderidge. We thank them for their commitment to the students of St Joseph's and wish them both all the best in the future. Mrs Archer has worked in the library over the last four years and her knowledge of children's literature and love of students will be missed. Miss Devereux has worked in three year levels

over her eight years at St Joseph's. Dani sets a contemporary classroom, and caters for each child in her class. Mrs Scott has worked at St Joseph's for fifteen years and has a wealth of knowledge and expertise. We will miss her vitality and passion for early childhood. We wish both Dani's all the best at St Paul's in Karratha. To Sam Matera all the best for your upcoming birth.

Our classroom teachers for 2025 will be

PK – Helen

K – Helen & Georgia

PP – Elli & Kate

Yr 1 – Andrea & Amy

Yr 2 – Tania & Katrina

Yr 3 - Fran & Dorothy/Nick

Yr 4 - Anna & Melissa/Megan

Yr 5 – Dylan & Nathan

Yr 6 - Caiden & Tennille/Aoife

Science – Kerrie

Art – Rose

Sport – Nick

Performing Arts – Celeste & Aleisha

Library – Judyline

Japanese – Avianna

Our P & F has been amazing at continuing to develop a sense of community. I am looking forward to the Family Fun Night and appreciate the many hours Kirsty, Belinda, their executive and many active members who put in countless hours who ensure the success of our P & F. Thanks to the P & F who have donated over \$115, 000 to playgrounds over the last eight years. Thanks to Belinda Flores who has worked on our P & F exec who is so calm and measured in everything she does. Thank you Belinda, for your service in building community at our school.

To our School Advisory Council Fr Peter, Tanya, Laura, Dean, Jamie, Charmaine and Belinda. I have appreciated your support and wisdom throughout the year. Thanks Taya for leading us in a calm and professional manner. The School is in a good place financially due to previous Boards and administration. In 2026 we pay out our final loan and the school will continue to be in a strong financial position in the future. I thank Dean for his wisdom over the last three years. As an ex educator it was good to have his input and Dean has been a positive influence on the Council.

In 2025 St Joseph's renovated our library at a cost of \$275 000 that will add great flexibility to the learning environment. The construction was concluded in

February and has been great to see this learning space evolve throughout this year.

As you are aware, after eight years, this is my last year at St Joseph's. I have been blessed to lead this great school. I have met some incredible staff, students and families. This place is a gem, and I knew I was at a special place at my first St Joseph's mass in 2018 when the students sang the school song so proudly. I want our students to leave St Joseph's as good citizens and know that Jesus lives within them and others. St Joseph's is truly a community like no other and I will greatly miss this place.

8. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the attached PDF of the 2025 AGM PowerPoin presentation.

9. Confirmation of Council Membership

This is Dean Gorey's final year on the council. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

New nominations received from:

Eulah Labos,
Lisa Winkler and
Bianca Edmunds

The 2025 School Advisory Council consists of:

Tanya Ellis – Continuing from 2024
Charmaine Kalidas – Continuing from 2025
Jamie Everingham – continuing from 2025

Ex Officio Members

Fr. Peter Joseph – Parish Priest
John Rose (until Dec 2025) – Current principal &
Lynn Tomlinson (From Jan 2026) – Acting Principal
Laura Giovinazzo – Parish Representative
P&F Representative – Belinda Flores (until Dec 2025) &
Claire Grzinic (From Feb 2026)

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.33pm