

Hereworth School Trust Board Report

Hereworth has enjoyed an excellent twelve months where we have focused on the boys as a community by providing a diverse programme, which is a significant credit to the staff of the School. The boys are catered for with a balanced programme of intellectual pursuit, cultural endeavours with music and performing arts, a robust sporting programme and our spiritual offering that includes regular Chapel worship and classroom teaching and discussion.

Hereworth School remains fully committed to providing an education for the boys, which offers many points of difference and aspires to outstanding performance for each individual boy. It continues to be recognised as a School that performs well above weight in all facets of School life.

Pastoral care and the wellbeing of the boys remain cornerstones of daily School life as we do our very best to prepare them for the rigours of contemporary living. Having Christian values and a care and concern for others gives the boys a head start in developing their sense of self, developing their character and empowering them to become citizens who make a difference to the lives of those with whom they come in contact.

Roll

Currently enrolments are 204 boys with 40 boarders. We have seen recent growth as the School has enjoyed a stable period under the Interim Headmaster, Mr Willy Kersten, followed by the tenth Headmaster, Mr Trevor Barman who began his tenure at the commencement of 2019.

Staff

The School has experienced very little turnover in the last twelve months, which has been welcomed. This has allowed people to consolidate their input at Hereworth and allows the more experienced staff to lead as the School moves into the new Headmaster's tenure. Mr Barman came to us from the Blue Mountains Grammar School in New South Wales, as an experienced Headmaster. The School community has enjoyed his seamless introduction and he has had not only a positive impact on the boys but also the parents, Old Boys and friends of Hereworth. The Headmaster is joined by his wife Jenny whose contribution to the School is appreciated. She is found often supporting her husband in the myriad of events held in the life of the School.

Mrs Deb Richardson has ceased being the Deputy Headmaster, Learning and Teaching and has moved across to the role of Executive Assistant to the Headmaster, a role she is relishing. Having her experience in this role has proved invaluable. Her permanent replacement is yet to be announced.

Governance

During the last twelve months Gareth Kilsby, Deputy Chairman served his three years as a parent representative and has now moved on. His outstanding service was appreciated, particularly his business and property skills. His replacement is Gareth Biggs, an Old Boy who has already made a positive impact. He brings finance and business skills and a long association with the School. Sam Howard, a parent representative has joined the Board and is also a supportive Old Boy. His Foundation experience and investment skills will prove invaluable.

Strategic Plan

With the arrival of Mr Barman the Board has revisited the Strategic Plan and in 2020 will operate under a revised version, which builds on the Mission, Vision and Values of the current Plan. The Plan will introduce new strategies and build on those that remain incomplete. This has been an exciting process as we work with the Headmaster.

The School has been gifted a significant sum of money by Mrs Anna Drury and has determined to refurbish the Hall into a dedicated Performing Arts Centre. The refurbishment will begin in October and should be completed by the end of Term One 2020. The School remains grateful to Mrs Drury for her generosity and her action will impact significantly on the lives of many boys in the future as the performing arts is most important to the boys of Hereworth.

The Master Plan, established two years ago is beginning to be realised, as the Board is currently in discussion with our Project Architect to construct a dedicated Multi Sports Facility that has a specialist cricket facility within the structure. This project is exciting, as the School has never had a dedicated indoor sports facility in its 92 year history. For this project to be completed we will require a well-organised fundraising programme.

Old Boys' Association and Parents' Association

The School has always been advantaged by its two main support groups namely, the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Association. The people who contribute to these groups continue to give of their time and energy and the School receives annual financial support as a result of their efforts. Furthermore the School also gains from the community spirit and collaboration that comes from group effort.

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Chairman
Hereworth School Trust Board