

John Paul College

Principal Report 2021

2021 was the 38th year since Christian Brothers College and Prendiville College amalgamated and continued to contribute to the 125 years of Catholic Education in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

2021 was the second year of impact of the Covid19 Pandemic and continued to affect the normal operation of the school year. In Kalgoorlie-Boulder we were fortunate to avoid some of the lockdowns schools to the South and West of us encountered.

To the credit of the staff, core functions of teaching and learning continued, as well as many of the extra-curricular activities that are part of the weekly routines of the College.

Special thanks to staff for their commitment to their students and well done to our students who continued to ensure our hygiene and sanitary practices were diligently carried out.

Our School Improvement Plan, which gives us focus and direction for the most effective learning and community relations, was impacted by the Pandemic, primarily in terms of professional development of staff: large gatherings were not possible and Professional Development providers could not access the College in most cases.

Once again, staff stepped up to run internal P.D. and a key target area was refining Pandemic conditions.

In 2020 a EALD teacher has been appointed to oversee this programme at the College.

Stewardship

The Performing Arts Learning area building was commenced late in the year, due to a September 2022 completion.

An additional 28Kw
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bottles and cans. Better
on recycling, particularly with

Group continued their good work, which included visits to East Kalgoorlie Primary School, as Covid restrictions eased. They also assisted the St Vincent de Paul, Mayors An inspiration for
their group was the story of the birth of the St Egidio group in Rome

The new College Parent entry, Pickup/Drop off was begun and Council approval obtained for this development. Traffic studies show this will ease congestion on Lionel and Hughes Streets, particularly at home-time. An on-site look at the traffic problem by the Mayor and 5 City councillors quickly convinced them of the need for change.

The appointment of a new Head Gardener and a part-time Assistant Gardener showed an immediate transformation of the grounds and a promise of great things to come.

Our School Improvement Focus Team meets regularly and, as pandemic conditions evolved, continued to be adaptive and responsive to changing conditions. Special thanks to Chelcie Paynter, who chaired for a Semester, taken over by Vinnie Keynes in Semester 2.

The College Cyclical Review in Term 2 gave us cause to celebrate, review, reflect and focus anew on School Improvement.

I sincerely thank all of the staff for their work in ensuring our students receive the best care and education possible at the College and the opportunity to flourish as human persons and discover their gifts.

We look forward to the continued growth and development of our College Community in 2022.



Mr Bradley Hall
Principal.