



## School Advisory Council Chair Report 2022

Nagle Catholic College's Vision for Learning, 'One Step Beyond', articulates beliefs and aspirations as a 'Christ Focused, Student Centred' College. This vision encompasses the whole person and goes beyond just the teaching and learning component of education. A Nagle Catholic College education intends to be more holistic and formative. 'For Others', is an important aspect of this Vision for Learning, one I feel really encapsulates life at Nagle. This Vision for Learning sets the parameters for an extensive and impressive array of tailor-made programs, ranging from Year 7 through to Year 12.

Even prior to commencing Year 7, the flame is ignited, where students begin their Nagle journey of discovery. In Year 8, the way is lit to allow students a greater confidence in their Nagle environment. Students are challenged to expand their horizons by building quality relationships and connecting with community in Year 9. Nagle students explore, build connection, examine future pathways, and take up opportunities to thrive and flourish through a program of cultural appreciation and collaboration in Year 10. In Year 11, students are encouraged to focus on making a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others. By Year 12, Nagle students are preparing to undertake the next stage in their journey - independently, trusting in their own judgement, seeking guidance where necessary - so that they may shine their light and go one step beyond.

My name is Simon Keemink, and I have had the pleasure of being the Chairperson of the School Advisory Council for the College for this year and will continue in the role for 2023. I have been ably assisted by a team of fantastically dedicated parents and members of the College's Leadership team. Being a School Advisory Council member allows me the opportunity to work with the Principal, Mr Michael Williams, along with some members of his staff, in a productive, friendly, and respectful environment. We work collaboratively in making Nagle Catholic College a place where students thrive, and staff enjoy. If you would like to volunteer your time 'For Others', contact the College to be a part of the School Advisory Council for 2023.

Nagle's 2022 has been an incredibly busy, yet productive and successful year. The year commenced with COVID-19 having an impact on College life, leading to the postponement or cancellation of many Nagle Catholic College activities, namely the ACC Swimming Carnival, St Pat's Day Games, and many excursions, trips, and camps. Extra-curricular activities did however, return towards the end of Term 1, with the Year 12 Ball leading the charge. These types of events are important in a College as they complement a student's academic life, enabling them to attain a balance between the social and academic aspects of school life.

Founders' Mass was also a highlight of the year, providing an opportunity to commission Nagle's Year 12 Seniors. The 'For Others' Club helped raise funds for Project Compassion, the major fundraising campaign of Caritas Australia, via bake sales and competitions. It is these types of activities that help enrich students' lives at Nagle Catholic College by providing opportunities to take responsibility, make decisions, and empower change. The Year 12 Retreat at Nukara and the For (M)Others' Day are two more examples of Nagle going above and beyond, allowing students the chance to shine outside of the classroom. The Year 9 Fathers' Day Breakfast acknowledged the contribution of fathers and significant males in the lives of Nagle students.

The Nagle Knights Australian Football League Academy used AFL as an instrument to engage and educate students, providing students who wish to pursue excellence in the sport of AFL an opportunity to further develop their footballing ability with a focus on improvement of skills and game play. Students from Years 7 to 11 are invited to participate in free Judo training sessions twice a week. The College offers students the opportunity to learn an instrument through the Instrumental Program. Nagle also runs an Academic Curriculum Extension (ACE) program, which is a dynamic course aiming to develop students' critical and creative thinking, problem solving skills, and academic resilience in an academically stimulating environment. The Emerging Leaders Program develops leadership skills and is available to all Year 11 students. Whether a student is sport or academic oriented, Nagle Catholic College's programs certainly nurture all interests and strengths. These programs also only represent a select few of the options on offer. The opportunities for students to learn, grow and thrive really are endless and too many to discuss here.

At the end of 2021, Nagle Catholic College was rated in the Top 50 ATAR and the Top 5 Regional Schools (first time ever). Enrolments are currently strong, starting this year with 1170 students and at this stage, student numbers are looking in the 1200 - 1250 mark for 2023. I think these statistics highlight the successes of the many and varied previously mentioned programs.

Thank you to the 2022 School Advisory Council and, on behalf of the Council, to the staff at Nagle Catholic College for carrying the flame and helping ignite the way for Nagle students. You truly are appreciated and respected for the outstanding way in which you are consistent, fair, passionate, knowledgeable, organised, and positive.

Mr Simon Keemink  
Chairperson