



**MATER DEI COLLEGE**  
**Chairman of the Board Report**  
**AGM February 21, 2017**

**Summary**

1. Despite the difficult year and concerns during the recent WACE exams our Year 12 students achieved:

- 11 x ATAR exceeding 90
- 1 x Certificate of Excellence
- 1 x Certificate of Distinction
- 15 x Certificate of Merit
- 1 x Excellence in VET Award

This is the second year in which we ranked as a top performing school in Business Management and Enterprise. Four other subjects finished above state average - Drama, Geography, Mathematics Applications and Outdoor Education. Overall, we finished with an average ATAR higher than the state average.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THESE RESULTS

2. Despite a difficult year the school was able to continue to provide our students with a wide variety of subjects and excellent facilities.

3. Mater Dei College has some of the best available facilities and one of the most beautiful campuses of any school not only in the regional but in the whole of Perth.

4. Thanks to Dr Tim McDonald, CEO of Cath Ed, we have an Acting Principal of the calibre of John Aldous to take the college forward.

5. Thanks to our Acting Principal, John Aldous who, together with Kerry Davidson, has in a very short time implemented numerous initiatives that have already vastly improved the financial position of the College. Together with the College Executive they have compiled a detailed and comprehensive Financial and Enrolment Recovery Plan to further improve matters. Taken some real tough decisions that were required.

6. We have in place a College Executive comprising John Sullivan, Teresa Cosgrove, Tamara Boyer and Kerry Davidson, who are committed in taking the College forward together with the new Principal who will shortly be appointed.

7. Mater Dei College is right now in a most exciting and positive phase of its history and can in a very short period of time become the school of choice in the area.

Many, many thanks to the Board members who have served the College over the last two years and to those who will continue to do so into the future. To those members who are or have left the Board in the last year, Mike Giacobino, Kate Robinson and Mark Langdon, thank you for your service and contribution to the school. Your commitment will serve as an example to others.

Personally, I want to thank the staff, students and community of Mater Dei College for the education that it has provided my daughter and the role it has played in our lives over the last 6 years. I would love to be part of this exciting phase that the College will be going through, but it is time for a change and for new eyes and fresh ideas.

I remind you again of the College's motto, Faith with Courage.

Bruce Cawcutt  
Board Chair