

## **DBB CSP Rep Report 2022**

DBB CSP Forum meets once a term to facilitate insights and knowledge sharing across the schools in DBB relating to community engagement and involvement matters. The forum is led by an appointed management committee who works closely with DBB staff on key issues around community involvement and engagement across their 44 schools.

### **Our Representation**

This year Olwyn was appointed to the DBB Management Committee and Vincent stepped into the HF CSP role. In addition Olwyn was nominated to the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents as a representative from DBB.

### **CSBB CSP Activity**

The DBBCSP Forum took place once a term this year, with meetings being hosted on Zoom.

There was a leadership evening hosted in week 3 of Term 4 which had approx. 100 in attendance.

Key focus of dialog this year was on the recreation of a relevant and flexible parent body governance structure and related guidelines. A critical guide to be developed focuses on fundraising and the role it plays for schools.

The initiatives proposed at the start of the year were not achieved, and most have been deferred to 2023. This is largely due to the loss of key DBB personnel early in Term 2, and a restructure across the teams which has not been finalised until this week.

It was acknowledged that DBB needs to get back to putting parents as a key stakeholder first in their communication efforts and bringing parents back up to speed on work stream changes and objectives and the impact they might have on our schools in 2023.

Creation of a Parent Charter, which will include Parent Body Governance guidelines and Fundraising guidelines among other things will commence early in Term 1 2023.

### **CCSP Activity**

CCSP meet once a term to discuss how school community support and engagement differs across the 11 diocese and identify areas for knowledge sharing and partnership across the diocese for the betterment of all NSW catholic schools.

Two meetings were attended by Ministers/Shadow Ministers for Education to understand the needs that are specific to Catholic School System.

Key areas of focus for the council are on – developing guidelines to support diverse learning needs, identifying opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement in the school community, determining the needs to be presented to political parties ahead of the 2023 elections, developing guidelines to enhance the involvement of communities and families in school

### **Opportunities**

The CCSP meetings has identified opportunities for DBB and HF to engage with schools in the regional diocese to support and partner in learning and social justice programs. Specific examples include:

CCSP: Partnering with schools in flood effected areas included Eugowra (Bathurst) and Lismore to provide financial and other support to their schools

DBB CSP: Partnering with the DBB ATSI Parent Representative to include authentic partnerships with our HF school community to the local custodians of our land, particularly around NAIDOC week

DBB CSP: Sharing our Amazing Me program through the CSBB for others to either attend our planned events or arrange their own by introducing the speaker to them

DBB CSP: Share our learnings from events to other schools, particularly in the lower north shore to help share third party partners for enhancing school events.