

10. Methodist Ladies College (MLC)

<i>Moderator, as visitor</i>	Rev Steve Francis
<i>Chairperson</i>	Nicholas Henry
<i>Members elected by Synod</i>	Prof Jonathan Carapetis
	Prudence Honey
	Prof Livia Hool
	John Klepec
	Dan Minchin
	Diane Mony de Kerloy
	James McClements
	Vicki Robinson

INTRODUCTION

MLC is pleased to report on the advancements of the College over the past 12 months through key activities and decisions. This report affirms membership of the College Council and its continued commitment to the College's Vision to be an international leader of holistic learning and teaching.

There have been many changes to the College Council during the past twelve months:

- Ms Diane Smith-Gander, a Council member since 2013 and was an important member of both the Governance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee
- Mr Ralph Moore, a member since 2008, retired at the end of his third term. Mr Moore was a committed supporter of the College and Council, a member of the Strategic Asset Management and Planning Committee (SAMPC).
- Mr Craig Colvin, a member of the SAMPC and Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC) retired from Council to take up an appointment to the Federal Court after five years on Council.
- We welcomed Professors Livia Hool and Jonathan Carapetis and Ms Vicki-Anne Robinson as new members to Council at the beginning of the year.

Our Chair of Council since 2011, Dr Penny Flett retired in May 2018 and handed over to Mr Nick Henry. Dr Flett led the College through a period of record enrolments, a re-flourishing of our boarding residents who are enjoying new facilities, our new Junior Years building and the smooth transition to our new Principal, Dr Marie Perry.

Our Mission to God and Chaplaincy at MLC

The College continues to honour its creation as a girls' school established as a mission to god through its Vision and its Mission of mentoring motivated learners to choose purposeful futures.

MLC commenced 2018 with the commissioning of our 12th Principal, Dr Marie Perry, who has been quickly embraced by the MLC community and has begun her principalship with energy and a strong partnership with the College Council.

The Moderator, Rev Steve Francis led the commissioning for our Principal, Dr Perry in March this year – a beautiful and important worship service for our community. Our Chaplain of five years, Rev Hollis Wilson, leads the worship of God for our staff and girls through fortnightly Chapel services each for our junior, middle and senior year's girls, as well as weekly evening chapel services for our Boarders. He is also a teacher of religious studies. Our community came together for our annual College Sunday in March to celebrate this year's theme of Joy and enjoyed gospel music performed

by our girls from the American tradition and displaying the diversity of Christian worship. CrossTrainers, our Christian Girls' Club, continues to meet weekly to share thoughts and stories and Rev Wilson continues to regularly baptise Collegian's children extending the faith into the community.

Our girls continue their commitment to service learning opportunities including soup kitchens and regularly spending time with aged care residents at Mercy Health Care. The College is committed to its annual service trips to the Bethany Home in Malaysia, elephant conservation in Thailand, and local communities in Vietnam. In Vietnam, this year our girls witnessed worship from South Korean Christian volunteers (Korean Food for the Hungry) in an international Vietnamese co-operative school. Fundraising activities by the girls through the year included organisations such as: UnitingCare West, Bethany Home (Malaysia), Cancer Council of WA, Compassion Australia, Fair Game, and the Nulsen Haven Foundation. Once again, the girls prepared food for Foodbank and collected for care packs for homeless women.

The College's relationship with the Australian Islamic College (AIS) continues to grow with joint service learning experiences both on and off campus, such as spending a morning doing community service at Bathers' Beach in Fremantle collecting rubbish for Keep Australia Beautiful in order to properly assess the flotsam and jetsam that appeared on the shoreline; and an invitation to the Islamic College's community Iftar Celebration.

Through a partnership with Ronald McDonald House, our boarders and volunteer staff are providing weekly respite to children in the house by running activities and entertaining the residents with the Ronald McDonald staff.

The Rebecca Cody Centre for Early Learning opened to strong demand for places from both within and outside of the MLC community. The Centre services the needs of our community by supporting our staff and parents in their working lives offering a caring and safe environment for their little ones.

MLC's 145 Year 12 graduates achieved excellent results in both the 2017 WACE and VET courses. WACE was sat by 140 girls with 100 percent achieving the WA Certificate of Education for secondary graduation. We congratulated our 2017 graduates on their outstanding academic success with our girls achieving three General Exhibitions (including one Special General Exhibition), one Subject Exhibition, 12 Certificates of Excellence, 44 Certificates of Distinction and 27 Certificates of Merit. We also celebrated the girls who achieved 14 Vocational Education and Training (VET) Certificates, which included four Certificate IVs.

We continue on our journey to achieve accreditation by 2019 from the Council of International Schools following our successful acceptance as a member in 2017 embedding our focus on global citizenship.

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