



Methodist Ladies' College

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Mission and Strategy

Methodist Ladies' College's values of *Integrity, Mastery, Enterprise* and *Justice* align with the Synod Strategic Plan.

In the past twelve months the College has:

- Welcomed the Moderator to join in our significant College community and College events.
- Strengthened our relationship with our partner Uniting Church schools and colleges through regular meetings with the Principals, Finance Directors and Chaplains.
- Continued our ongoing commitment to support UnitingCare West through various community service projects.
- Commenced the development of a partnership with Good Samaritan Enterprises to link our students to the Good Samaritan community through a pen-pal program.
- Enhanced the Uniting Church brand and communicated to our community through our marketing and admissions publications, as well as Reverend Hollis's contribution to the weekly College newsletter (The Wyvern).
- Shared our Christian faith through our assemblies, chapel services, annual College Sunday (except 2020 due to Covid-19) as well as our chaplaincy program. Our fortnightly Junior and Senior School chapel services are open to parents, our boarding girls enjoy an additional weekly chapel with Rev Hollis in the historic College Chapel and the Chaplain offers a staff Chapel service three times a year.
- As a component of the induction of new staff to the College, the Chaplain provides an overview of the Uniting Church and provides ongoing direction and suggestions to the staff, students and College leadership team in the values of the church.
- Rev Hollis officiating at community weddings and funerals.
- MLC students participating through their service-learning opportunities in friendship and shared activities with our elderly neighbours at Mont Clare; evening assistance with the Red Cross Soup Patrol; Red Shield Appeal with the Salvation Army; community service project with Wanslea; and Smith Family *Student2Student* reading programme; Ronald McDonald House dinner preparation, support and encouragement to the young residents and the coordination of donations of



stationary, books and games, and our Year 10 students volunteering as Nulsen Patrons with Nulsen Disability Service.

- Continued the tradition of our annual Year 9 Salvado Pilgrimage which is a highlight for the staff and student participants

In 2020, our MLC Reconciliation Action Plan was approved. The College continues to participate in Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week which in 2019 included a sand mural – *Voice Treaty Truth*. MLC is proud of our long and successful participation in the Yalari Scholarship program currently with eight girls at our College. The College is exploring the establishment of a relationship with the Mowanjum community through the Boab Network.

Sadly, at the end of 2019, our successful partnership with the Thornlie Australian Islamic College ceased due to the relocation of the 7-10 students to the Kewdale campus. Students from both colleges had enjoyed a warm relationship and had shared fun learning experiences.

Financial and Risk Management

The external audit of the College 2019 Financial Statements received a ‘clean opinion’ with no outstanding issues identified. As with all organisations, the College is actively minimising any financial risks associated with potential losses of enrolments or bad debts due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our community. In Term 2, the College redirected cost savings from cancelled events and other cost saving initiatives to a Community Fund established to provide direct financial assistance to College families to assist them with paying their Term 2 fees to enable students to remain at the College whilst their family financial situation was adversely impacted.

The College manages its risk and compliance through its management team and the College Council delegated Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC). Mr Michael Patchell, UCWA Chief Financial Officer is a member of this Committee.

The College has an extensive platform of policies which cover the areas of finance, admissions, education, workplace and student safety, employment and child protection.

Board Appointments

New board appointments approved by the Standing Committee since the last Synod are:

Ms Sinead Taylor

Ms Jennifer Mathews

Mr Al Donald

Mr Jay Weatherill

Mrs Diane Mony de Kerloy retired from the MLC Council at the completion of 2019 after nine committed years and her contribution to the Council and as the Governance Committee chair was outstanding. Prue Honey, Deputy Chair of Council and Chair of ARCC, retired in June 2019 after nine years and the College recognised her extensive participation in the financial and spiritual role on the Council. James McClements also retired from the Council in October 2019 to focus on his role as the Chair of the MLC Foundation.