



# ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

## **St Columba's Bayswater - CSAC Chairperson's Report**

**Presented by Stephanie Juskiewicz at AGM: Wednesday 26 November, 2025**

It is my pleasure to present St Columba's Catholic School Advisory Council's *Chairperson's Report* for 2025. Key features of this year have been thoughtful planning, significant improvements and a strong sense of teamwork across our entire school community. Together, we have continued to focus on creating an engaging and nurturing environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive.

### **Commencement of 2025 – School Upgrades**

Students returned at the start of the year to several upgrades across the school, including:

- Additional drainage installed at the Greg Martin Pavilion to prevent water pooling and improve safety.
- A fully refurbished School Library, complete with new carpet, fresh paint, and design updates to better support both classroom use and larger collaborative learning spaces.
- Painting of the Year 5–6 classrooms and the Main Entrance Gates, ensuring a welcoming and vibrant entry to the school.
- A wireless network upgrade, along with the rollout of new iPad leases for Year 4 students.
- New photocopier leases to support the school's day-to-day teaching and administrative needs.

### **Capital and Maintenance Works Completed in 2025**

Throughout the year, several important capital and maintenance projects were also completed:

- Installation of a new Cubby House—made possible with a generous \$5,000 contribution from the P&F.
- Replacement of the Kindy roof panels to improve heat absorption and comfort.
- Replacement of the climbing net in the downstairs playground, as well as the damaged shade sails.
- ECE roof repairs, including replacement of corroded screws, removal of two redundant evaporative coolers, and installation of a protective gutter to prevent further rafter damage.

### **Additional Planning and Forward Projects**

Looking to the future, the Council has also been actively involved in several key planning initiatives:

- Capital Infrastructure Planning to identify the school's building and space needs over the next 1–10 years. This includes provision for additional space to support a potential 5-day kindergarten program beyond 2026 and increased shelter over the stairwells and pavilion.
- Engagement of a Traffic Engineer to prepare a comprehensive Traffic Report and work alongside the City of Bayswater on ongoing Parking and Traffic Management, work that will continue into 2026.
- Parent representation on the School Uniform Review to ensure community voices are included in future decisions.

These achievements, both completed and planned, reflect our commitment to continual improvement and to creating the best possible environment for students at St Columba's.

As always, none of this would be possible without the dedication and generosity of the people who make up our school.

Together, you have helped create a caring and vibrant community where children are supported to grow in knowledge, faith and peace, encouraging them to be kind and inclusive members of society.

Thank you to our Principal, Gina Burns, whose excellent administration, kind and considerate leadership and vision guides the direction of our school; thank you to our Assistant Principals, Teachers, EA's and OSHC Team whose care, hard work and expertise are evident every day and thank you to our Support Staff and Ground Staff, who ensure that everything runs smoothly.

We wish Father Andrew Albis all the very best for his new appointment at Our Lady of the Rosary in Doubleview and extend our grateful thanks for his spiritual guidance and connection to our community since 2018. We also warmly welcome Father Mark Payton as parish priest from this weekend.

And to all the parents, families and volunteers, whose involvement enriches school life, thank you.

On behalf of the St Columba's Catholic School Advisory Council, our heartfelt thanks to you all and very best wishes for 2026.