



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2007 has been, I believe, a very successful one for St Paul's College. "Achievement, Leadership and Compassion" have been our focus areas for the year and we have enjoyed many successes in these.

I am positive the College Annual will capture many of the various events and activities involving our students, staff and families but I would like to take this opportunity to nominate a few highlights:

- The outstanding 2006 Year 12 results.
- St Paul's being recognized for its work and commitment to boy's literacy and numeracy through the Commonwealth Government's National awards.
- The celebration for Holy Spirit Province / Oceania Province at the Adelaide Convention Centre in early September.
- The successes of our student leaders through such programs as the Values Education Forum, Multicultural SA Youth Ambassadors, Edmund Rice Schools Student Leaders Conference and our school based SRC program.
- The successes of our various community events – Open Day, Sports Day, Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, Speech Night, Catholic Schools Music Festival, Pedal Prix.
- The commitment of the staff to the number of professional development projects we committed to for 2007.
- The commencement of the Jubilee Year 2008 building project and launch of the different events.
- The increased number of school based Eucharistic celebrations.

Next year St Paul's will celebrate 50 years of Edmund Rice education and will do so under the leadership of Mr Daniel Lawler whose appointment as Principal from 2008 was another highlight.

This year has also been significant in that the new structure of governance under Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) and Province restructuring came into operation on October 1.

EREA will provide St Paul's with both the leadership and support required for the school to continue to offer an excellent education to the local community. We must continue to strive for excellence in all we do as we move forward into the future.

2008 will be a special year for all involved with St Paul's – past and present – as we celebrate 50 years. Certainly this is a time for both reflection and thanks and hopefully will involve many of the key people responsible for making St Paul's such a special place.

The work of the staff has continued to be crucial in the overall achievements of the school and their professional and personal commitment to the students and their families is second to none.

This year also marked the retirement of Mrs Lynette Douglas who has been Principal's Secretary since October 1985. In that time Lynette has been an outstanding and loyal contributor to the school through her role as secretary to three Principals.

The College Board under the leadership of Chairperson Viano Jaksa continued to provide important support and direction for the school and also needs to be thanked for their contribution.

The outstanding support and encouragement given to St Paul's by the outgoing Holy Spirit Province Leadership Team under Br Kevin Ryan also deserves recognition. The Christian Brothers physical presence at St Paul's may not be as obvious these days, but their spirit, initiative and influence will always be felt and this is a legacy all at St Paul's should be proud of and continue to celebrate.

Finally, my thanks and appreciation to the staff, students, families and friends of St Paul's who have supported and assisted me since I commenced my teaching here in 1975. It has been a privilege to have been part of the St Paul's community. Whilst there is a certain sadness associated with leaving, the strength and sense of belonging developed through being part of the Edmund Rice and Christian Brother family will remain with me for a long time. I wish all at St Paul's well and I am confident it will remain a place of achievement, leadership and compassion.

With best wishes

Peter Shanahan
Principal