



St Francis Catholic College
FRIENDS OF FRANCIS
 Monday 16th February 2026 at 6.00 pm
(Meet outside College Office) - SFCC Library

Chairperson: Kate Acosta St Francis Representatives: Matthew McMahon (MCOMM), Rita Agostino (AGOR)	Meeting Notes: Rita Agostino (AGOR)
Present: Ranil Peiris, Sherelle Valpiani, Alvin Morales, Natasa Zulamoski, Belinda Mangos, Chamini Perera, Antonija Barisic, Monic Presad, Jesica Arundell, Sarah Head, Lucie Mammone, Hugo Munoz, Kate Acosta, Michelle Coe, Niolina Tipuric, Cinthia Godly, Renzo Digiulio	Apologies: Hannah Ma'asi, Ana Reddy, Renee Sermetovski Rinnai Sillato, Magda CogieI-Gandera, Maria Dao, Maria Spiros, Sheena Rogan

Previous Meeting Actions to be followed up		
AGENDA ITEM:	MEETING NOTES:	ACTION:
Business Outstanding from 2025		

New Meeting Items & Discussion Notes		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledgement of Country - MCOMM 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prayer - AGOR 	<i>A Prayer to start the year</i>	

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	<p><i>As we gather here for the first time this year, we thank You for the gift of our school, our children, and the opportunity to serve together.</i></p> <p><i>Bless our time this evening –may our conversations be guided by wisdom, our decisions made with humility, and our hearts open to serving others with love and compassion.</i></p> <p><i>Grant us the patience to listen, the understanding to collaborate, and the strength to work for the good of our students, staff, and families.</i></p> <p><i>May our efforts help create a welcoming and nurturing environment where every child grows in knowledge, character, and faith.</i></p> <p><i>Inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi, may we serve with humility and joy, always seeking to bring peace and kindness to our school community.</i></p> <p><i>We ask this in Jesus’ name.</i></p> <p>St Francis... Pray for us Blessed Edmund.... Pray for Us Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitators - AGOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs Kate Acosta (Friends of Francis Facilitator) ● Ms Antonija Barisic (Friends of Francis Fundraising Facilitator) ● Mrs Maria Spiros (Friends of Francis Social / Community Facilitator) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housekeeping - AGOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General WHS & Evacuation Process ● Location of Facilities ● Tea & Coffee available 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group Operating Norms - Kate Acosta 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be present & active listeners 2. Stay on topic & be solutions-focused 3. Value the contributions of all present 4. Remember that issues/complaints are to be referred to/through appropriate College channels” 	<p>Ongoing - to be shared at all meetings</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open Meeting - Kate Acosta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apologies ○ Introductions around the room 	<p>Apologies - See above</p> <p>Welcome to new members and participants.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes of Previous Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes on College Website under Parents Tab/ Parent School Partnership 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitators - Nominations for the 2026 facilitators will take place at the next meeting. ● Feb Census - 1630 students in 2026 - Census is occurring on Friday. ● Staffing update ● Over 150 staff We welcome Melinda Jolly - Our new Aboriginal Education Assistant ● Swimming Carnival (3-12 Competitors Only) There was a change this year from previous carnivals. Many schools in the Diocese are moving to competitors only. The carnival was well attended by parents. We introduced new events this year as time permitted. ● Info. Nights (K-4 Meet & Greet); MYL & SYL (9-11) - new format This also was a new format. We are open to feedback. ● Year 7 Camp / Year 12 Retreat Occurring this week. 	

- Traffic Management - School Zone update
Half of the school is still not in a school zone. Matt McMahon has contacted our local member Anoulack Chanthivong to address this matter.
Do not know the start and finish time of the new local high school, but this will create additional pressure on our surrounding roads.
May needs the assistance from FoF to put pressure on the council.

- School Cyclic Inquiry
We did well as a College.

3 big rocks to focus on as a result of the inquiry.

1. Revised mission and vision
2. New Position statement on K-12 learning
3. Parent/Carer Engagement strategy.

- AIP Goal for 2026:
 - “By the end of 2026, student growth will be achieved through deep learning supported by high-impact teaching and wellbeing strategies and informed by high-quality assessment and data.”

Our AIP goal is linked to the cyclic inquiry. The goal setting exercise was linked to deep learning. A big focus will be student engagement and this will be achieved through deep learning.

- Linemarking, play equipment, Breakfast Club, TAS shed, TAS equipment, Goalposts, Basketball hoops

Slightly delayed, but is happening soon. There is a lot happening in this space.

JY play equipment is happening near the hall.

Line marking/games/handball courts on the JY playground

Goal posts ordered

Breakfast club will be happening for MY/SY students
TAS Shed being erected, Table tennis tables purchased.

- Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP). Website:
<https://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au/>

Good resources for parents. Eg. mental health, learning and supporting young people, social media etc

- News from the Parish - Fr. Bosco has been appointed to a new parish and will be moving to St Mark's Parish, Inala (Brisbane) after Easter
A new Parish Priest - Fr. Asaeli Raas & Assistant Priest - Fr. Peter Wang will be joining our parish after Easter.

- HSC results

Students performed well.

196 in the state.

1st in the Diocese

We are still aiming to be around the 100 mark.

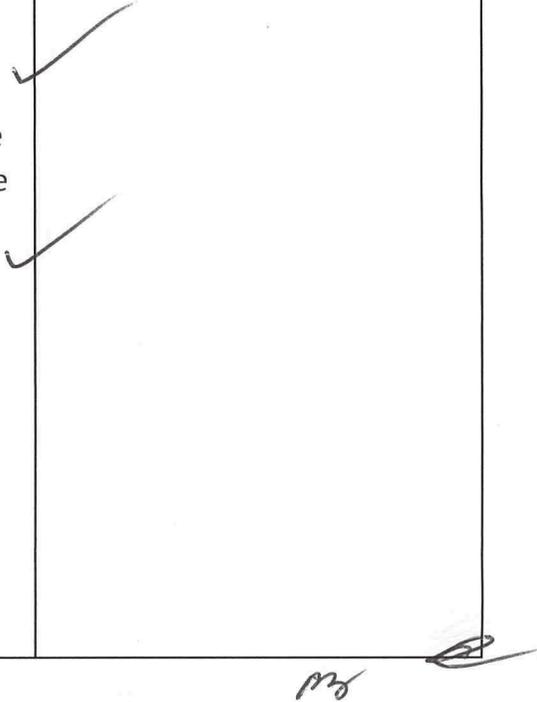
Highest ATAR - 97.35

The high achievers assembly has held last week, where 17 students returned. They stayed for a Q and A session with our current Year 11 and 12 students.

Learning gain - This is a new award introduced this year. Awarded to a student who has demonstrated the most growth, demonstrated persistence and hard work.

- Our 10th year events:
 - Sunday 22nd March - Mass and Picnic Day
 - Friday Night 12th June - 10th Year Dinner - Current & past staff, families and alumni (18+)
 - College Art Show & Exhibition (Venue - Casula Powerhouse; Date TBC)
 - Other (TBC)

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	<p><u>Mass and Picnic Day</u> 10.00am Mass Picnic on the Oval Food trucks</p> <p>Kate - Good to BYO picnic basket. Good also to have a sausage sizzle. Food trucks can take a long time. AGOR - Needs to be a ticketed event so that we can cater appropriately, numbers will also impact on Hall set up Antonia - We could add a charge per ticket to include a sausage sizzle and drink - some fundraising. MCOMM - We could do fund raising at the dinner. This is an 18+ event. Will be held at Novella on the Park. Meal and alcohol will be included in the price.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family College Partnerships (FCP) Care Committee Account Current Balance: \$12,456.27 CR (soon to be \$ 11,456.27) <p>It was unanimous by those present at today's meeting, that Kate Acosta (Chairperson) should be added as a signatory to the Commonwealth Bank SFCC Family College Partnerships (FCP) Care Committee Account effective 16th February 2026, so that there are now three signatories including the Principal (Matthew McMahon) and Fund Raiser Facilitator (Natasa Zulamoski).</p> <p>Kate - Yet to deduct the \$1000 used to assist the 2 students who made it to State levels in their respective sports.</p> <p>\$10,000 has come from the LCC grant for the Breakfast Club</p> <p>Kate questioned if the FoF will continue to top up this figure through various fundraising activities,</p>	

	MCOMM said that it will be good to top up but the College will also contribute..	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social/Community 	<p>Next function / event?</p> <p>NB: FoF are free to organise a social event that does not necessarily involve the staff.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising 	<p>FOF - Open Night</p> <p>Mass & Picnic Day</p> <p>Other</p> <p>Kate - on behalf of Maria Dao- Family tiles - Maria has conducted some research and has some quotes. There are various styles and costs. Tiles will remain part of the history of the school. MCOMM - We will need to have a think about what it would look like and where the tiles will be placed. One thought way to create a labyrinth - used for prayer.</p> <p>There was general consensus amongst the group that they would be interested in this fundraiser.</p> <p>Natasa - Suggested a school musical/performance. MCOMM - Definitely on the cards, probably not for 2026.</p> <p>Antonia - Club grants are now open. Do we apply again? Not sure what for. We would need to find a purpose. MCOMM - Maria Doa previously applied in Term 3, so we still may have time to think about what it is we would like funds for.</p>	

Kate - Asked in terms of Social events, are we thinking a FoF/parent event only or a School/staff and Parent event?

Other ideas may include - Games/Market stall for kids, Multicultural event

Kate - Asked for the picnic day if there will be games, similar to the way Fathers Day was run a few years ago?

Monika - The activities/games could have a House focus. Families dress in House colours.

MCMM - Is there a desire for any social initiatives?

Kate - Trivia is always good.

Monika - Lunch on the Green with their children. Still feel a disconnect with her younger child particularly since CoVID with no parents on site. Is there an opportunity for parents to get together?

Kate - Apart from the Year 4 disco, the College does not have school discos. Is there an opportunity for this to happen and would it be supervised by FoF or staff.

Michelle - The Hall does get used for external sport. It is difficult with after school commitments.

MCMM - The hall is free Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Is there a social event where parents can socialise with other parents?

Michelle - Mothers day is generally a good event however numbers have dropped off over the years, perhaps because it was moved to the morning. The majority of parents who attend are JY parents.

Natasa - It was great when there was an activity linked to the event. This occurred after school.

The Movie night has been successful in the past.

Kate - Do we have an event with children and parents and or just parents?

Michelle - 'Coffee Connect' idea is good. Requires no organising. For example, we could have it at Ed Square for Kinder parents for

	<p>instance. This is easy to organise and it could be advertised via the newsletter.</p> <p>Cinthia - Is there a parent facebook page?</p> <p>Natasa - There are year group pages. There is a Year 7 FB page. Happy to add Cinthia to the page.</p> <p>Kate - There is a Whatsapp Group for the FoF - Happy to add anyone to the group.</p> <p>MCMM - For the picnic, we were thinking of roaming student performances, petting zoos, jumping castles etc Kate - We could have face painters. Would the older students be interested in face painting? Having games would keep the children entertained and would allow the parents to socialise.</p> <p>Jessica - We could have a gold coin donation for face painting.</p> <p>Monika - We could sell chips, Zooper Doopers.</p> <p>MCMM - No BBQ required for Open day this year, so we could have a BBQ run by the FoF.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advisory Committee 	<p>Stay Tuned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vision/Mission 2. College Learning Model 3. Parent/Carer Engagement Strategy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educative Component 	<p>Possible topics for 2026?</p> <p>We will try to have 1 parent session per term.</p> <p>Cinthia - AI, in particular the Ethical use of AI.</p> <p>MCMM - CEO is looking at a product at the moment</p> <p>Natasa - Social and emotional aspect of AI</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Business item/s 	<p>Kate - How parents respond to AI</p> <p>Michelle - Awards. Students are receiving 10 St Francis Awards but are not receiving a notification on Compass. Spoke to the office staff about this. There could be glitches with Compass. Previously parents could bring the awards in to verify with office staff. Are staff entering them in?</p> <p>AGOR said if parents had certificates, they could bring them in to verify but this was not necessary as Compass would be tracking awards. It was also important for homeroom teachers to be timely when entering them into Compass.</p> <p>Michelle asked about the turnaround time for Emails - What is the expectation? MCM - 48 hours is a reasonable turnaround time. If staff cannot answer the query, they can acknowledge the email then look into it and respond once they have the required information.</p> <p>Michelle - Asked on behalf of another parent, what is the expectation surrounding communication via Google Classroom? A staff member posted for students to wear their sport uniform. The student received a red stamp the following day as they did not see the post. MCM - Were there other forms of communication, verbal? Were students notified earlier? Students should be given enough notice.</p> <p>Year 3 handbook - Wrong day for sport.</p> <p>Dates for Year 7 Camp on Compass are also wrong.</p>	<p>AGOR - will look into this.</p> <p>AGOR to update.</p>
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Meeting Close: 7.20 pm

Next Meeting: College Library

Date: 11th May 2026 Term 2 2026

Time: 6:00 pm



Matthew McMahon

PRINCIPAL - ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Date: 26 / 2 / 26.



Natasa Zulamoski

TREASURER - SFCC FRIENDS OF FRANCIS

Date: 26 / 02 / 26