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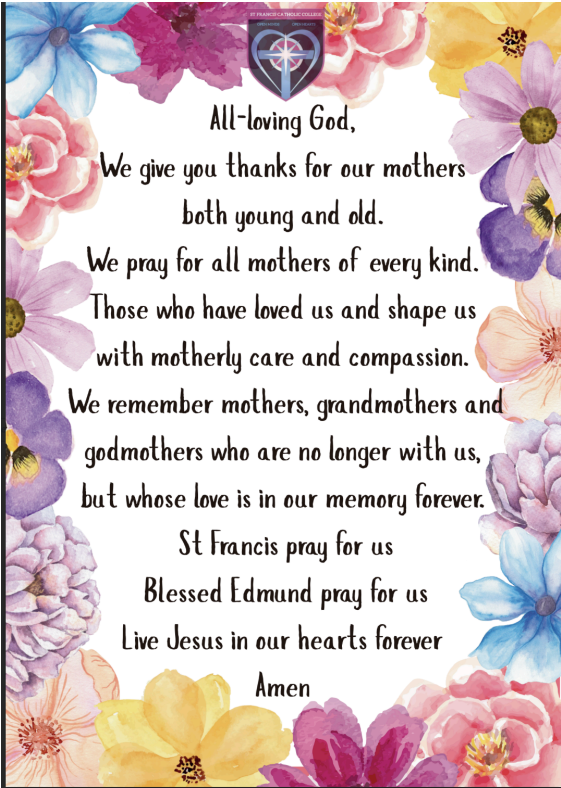
Monday 12th May 2025 at 6:00 pm

(Meet outside College Office) - SFCC Staff Common Room

Chairperson: Kate Acosta St Francis Representatives: Matthew McMahon (MCMM), Rita Agostino (AGOR)	Meeting Notes: Rita Agostino (AGOR)
Present: Michelle Coe, Sarah Heard, Anna Reddy, Maria Dao, Antonija Barisic, Belinda Mangos, Neil Prasad, Kate Acosta	Apologies: Anita Scherer , Rinnai Sillato, Maria Spiros, Renee Sermetovski, Magdalena Cogiel-Gandera, Kiri Frew, Hanna, Jesica Arundell, Liz Henson, Monika Prasad, Raymond Tabot, Natasa Zulamoski

Previous Meeting Actions to be followed up		
AGENDA ITEM:	MEETING NOTES:	ACTION:

New Meeting Items & Discussion Notes		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acknowledgement of Country - MCMM		

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prayer - AGOR	 <p>All-loving God, We give you thanks for our mothers both young and old. We pray for all mothers of every kind. Those who have loved us and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers and godmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever. St Francis pray for us Blessed Edmund pray for us Live Jesus in our hearts forever Amen</p> <p>–Amen</p> <p><i>St Francis... Pray for us. Blessed Edmund.... Pray for Us Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever</i></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” 	Ongoing - to be shared at all meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open Meeting - Kate Acosta ○ Apologies ○ Introductions - around the room 		
<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 <p>MCMM - Nothing pressing from the last meeting</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recent events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mothers' Day Liturgy ○ People were pleased with the liturgy and the breakfast. ○ Over 400 RSVP's ○ There was more catering, greater range of food provided and they were happy with the overall event ○ Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day ○ Mass ○ Period 5 - Students of different year groups came together. A range of different activities organised ● “Francis Frontline” Videos on Youtube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media group created. ○ Second YouTube video released today. ● 2025 NAPLAN results looking very promising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At quick glance - SFCC topped the diocese across all domains 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writing results released later in the year. ● Enrolment Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Well over 220 enrolments for Kindergarten ○ Over 300 applications for Year 7 ○ Numbers are very strong ○ Not many spots available ○ Second round offers will be available. ○ Some people will be on the waiting list ○ Year 7 2026 - Interviews will take place in Term 3. ○ There is a waiting list for all year groups. ● Traffic Management - update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on the crossing supervisor. Could take up to a year. ○ Extended family members are not necessarily following instructions. ○ Local residents are threatening to call the police. ● Keep funding fair website https://www.keepfundingfair.org.au/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Labor has committed to maintain funding for Catholic schools. ● College Success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Ethics Olympiad Competition. Our Year 10 team (in a Year 11 Competition) were named the most improved team over the course of the day, and were also 1 of only 8 schools (out of 23) to receive an honourable mention ○ Da Vinci Decathlon results: ○ Year 6 placed 2nd in Cartography ○ Year 7 placed 2nd overall! ○ (2nd creative producers, 3rd in English & code breaking) ○ Year 8 placed 2nd in the Science component ○ Year 9 placed 2nd in Art and Poetry and 3rd in Engineering. ○ Year 10 were 3rd in creative producers ● Sporting success - a number of events coming up over the next few weeks. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CAPA presents “Arts after dark” (Winter version) ○ 12th June ○ Limited acts - details released later this week - 200+ expected ○ A mixture of song, dance, drama ○ For Stage 6 students there will be a major works night. ● Cyclic Inquiry update: <p>“This year the College will be participating in a Cyclic Inquiry. This has replaced the former School Review process. We provide information/data to an external panel. Members of FoF and/or the parent/carer community will be asked to be a part of this process and provide feedback.”</p> <p>The agenda for Cyclic Inquiry to be devised in the coming weeks -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● System Approach - Cyclic Inquiry is taking a new approach. The College comes up with recommendations with the aim of improving outcomes for staff and students. ● Maximising local impact through collective focus - Schools working together in the diocese. ● Diocesan approach/focus - Every child can improve. ● 4 Year Cycle - Every school has an Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) (which focuses on faith, learning and wellbeing x 3 years) ● Then a year of renewal. ● The Cyclic Inquiry team will work with staff, students, parents and the Parish Priest. <p>The College has come up with 6 Recommendations</p> <p>1. College Mission and Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have a Vision and Mission, but not sure how well people know these. ● We will develop a framework which outlines these. ● We will embed these doc’s into everything we do. 	
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No comments/feedback from committee members

2. Clear and meaningful Charism

- Lack of certainty what our charism is.
- Even current staff think SFCC has 2 charisims
- SFCC has a dual patronage but 1 charism
- We value both.
- We are not good at Catholic symbolism at the school.
- Daily practices - We need a college prayer.
- Can parents speak to the touchstones

Anna - Was surprised we didn't have a College prayer.

MCMM - We use the Prayer of St Francis. This is an opportunity for our students to perhaps develop a SFCC prayer.

Michelle - In Sydney Diocese, students are given set prayers to learn. Do we have the same thing in the Wollongong Diocese?

Michelle stated that as a community we have some connection with the parish, however, something is needed to improve this connection. It must be strengthened.

MCMM - We have built the Sacramental Program.

Anna - A Grade Mass on the weekend and each family should bring a plate for morning tea.

MCMM - Many of our students are connected to other parishes.

3. Quality Deep Teaching and learning - New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL)

- Develop a vision for learning and share that with parents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop these competencies without forgetting literacy and numeracy. <p>4. Safe and positive learning environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey will be shared with parents on Wednesday. • Respectful relationships is an area that appears to be coming up as an area that requires further work. This includes restorative practices (What do you do when you make a mistake?) • We need to enhance/clarify how we should be treating each other. • If respectful relationships are improved, we should see less incidents of sexualised behavior. <p>5. Community Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a 10 year celebration next year. • We need to build our social media presence. • Connecting with external groups/charities. • Educational opportunities with the local community eg St Vincent de Paul, old age homes, which charities do we support at SFCC? • The Alumni to work with current students. <p>Kate - Agreed that it would be great to support the local area eg St Vincent de Paul lunch with organised activities.</p> <p>Maria - Hospitality students could be involved.</p> <p>Antonija - There is a new Catholic nursing home in Casula.</p> <p>6. Equitable Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing, funding, leadership structures, • Staff shortage - particularly in TAS 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family College Partnerships (FCP) Care Committee Account Current Balance: \$2.456.27 CR 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social/Community 	<p>Kate stated that 2 events throughout the year might be sufficient. FoF could assist with 'Arts after Dark' - sausage sizzle. Kate is happy to run it.</p> <p>Carols - Whole school event</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising 	<p>Kate on behalf of Magda -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monty the Monster fun run All inclusive fun run (similar to a colour run). The company organises the entire event - see website for further details - Monty fun run <p>MCMM - We need to consider the purpose? Are we doing fundraising to raise funds or just cover the costs?</p> <p>Anna - Mentioned that at her school, they charge students to cover costs. The students love it.</p> <p>Antonija - Discussed funding for the Breakfast Club. Liverpool Catholic Club (LCC) is the most viable. In their constitution, they need to provide some money to schools/the community. All Saints Catholic College have been given funds for a project and John Ed has been given \$5000 for a breakfast group. Antonija could work on the application with Maria. Applications are due on the 30th May.</p> <p>MCMM - LCC is normally linked to Sydney Catholic Schools. Campbelltown Catholic Club is another option.</p> <p>Antonija - Funding should be based on LGA</p> <p>Kate - Could try both.</p> <p>MCMM - Don't want to offend Campbelltown CC. MCMM will need to look into this.</p>	<p>Action: Anna to find out which company her school uses.</p> <p>Action: MCMM to find out whether SFCC can secure donations from LCC and if not, will Campbelltown CC be an option.</p>

	<p>Antonija - Applications are online. Happy to draft something up.</p> <p>Kate (on behalf of Liz) - Wanted to know if there were any community events for Stage 6 students/families.</p> <p>MCMM - Our feast day is in Term 3, 'Arts after the dark' is taking place in Term 2, Year 12 major works night (Term 3), Year 12 Trivia for students (Term 3).</p>	<p>Action: Antonija to investigate funding through LCC or Campbelltown CC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advisory Council Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hands Off Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Sorry for the delay) - To be sent to volunteers in the coming weeks 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educative Component 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Business item/s 	<p>H/W club - AGOR explained how the H/W club worked.</p> <p>Maria - Raised concerns with the Uniform shop - staff were asking for a bigger space.</p> <p>Sarah - Raised concerns with buses</p> <p>MCMM - Stated that we have an additional Willowdale bus We are currently asking for a second Liverpool Bus.</p>	<p>Action: MCMM to follow up with Noone</p>

Meeting Close: 7:15pm

Next Meeting: College Staff Common Room

Date: Monday August 18th 2025

Time: 6:00 pm