
Presbyterian Ladies College

Moderator, as visitor	Rev Steve Francis
Chairperson	E/Prof Tracey Horton
Members	Morgan Ball Stuart Love Andrew McKenzie Tony Taylor Fiona Crowe (from October 2015) Linda Kenyon (from January 2016)
Nominees of Parents' Committee	Chris Simpson
Nominee of Old Collegians	Kathy Bonus Katrina Burton (Deputy Chair)
Life Members	Hon June Craig Dr Patricia Kailis
Principal	Bethlyn Blackwood to Sept 2015 Dr Kate Hadwen from Sept 2015
Council Secretary	Karen Taylor

I. GOALS, VISIONS AND ASPIRATIONS

PLC's Strategic Plan was completed in 2013 and is currently being reviewed. In September 2015, Dr Kate Hadwen succeeded Beth Blackwood as Principal after Beth had been in the position for 18 years. The PLC community is fortunate to have had stable leadership, effective succession and the expertise of both these experienced educators to lead the development of its goals, visions and aspirations.

Dr Hadwen is a respected leader and brings with her extensive educational research and knowledge and the experience of having worked with schools across Australia within all stages of education. She is passionate about the wellbeing of young people and the influence wellbeing has on academic outcomes. The PLC Statement of Purpose echoes this direction and remains unchanged.

Presbyterian Ladies College is a Uniting Church School committed to an excellent well-rounded educational experience that gives every girl confidence and empowers her to lead a principled life and make an active contribution to the Community.

Similarly our Strategic Objective remains:

Providing opportunities for generations of girls to discover their uniqueness

and have the courage to strive to live by their convictions and realise their potential.

Consistent with these commitments, PLC Council has endorsed the development of a dedicated Wellbeing Centre on a property adjoining the School. This unique building will facilitate our holistic approach to the development of wellbeing for students, staff and the PLC Community. We intend to be a proactive and innovative leader in this field by embedding wellbeing in our curriculum offering students the skills to thrive physically, spiritually and emotionally.

At PLC, we are focussed on personalising the learning experience for every student. Acknowledging that each student has unique and individual talents, we believe it is important to offer our students opportunities to explore, discover, engage and flourish both as individuals and as a collective - aligned with their personal interests - in the Arts, Sport or in their Academic studies. To achieve this, we are also focussing on staff growth and development. This extends beyond simply offering training and professional development with mentoring and leadership programs being implemented.

PLC has recently featured in the media several times, acknowledging our commitment to diversity and our work to boost the safety and wellbeing of students. As a progressive learning institution and a national leader in wellbeing initiatives, we constantly seek opportunities to support best practice regarding the care of our



students. We also run sessions for parents seeking to support them in an ever changing world of technology by offering them education on how to guide their children on safe internet usage and on cyber-bullying and internet predators.

We understand the whole community has a valuable role to play in raising empowered young

women. Every student at PLC is expected to contribute as an active and engaged member of the PLC Community as well as the broader community. This includes our continued commitment to community service and fundraising for charities both in local and remote locations in Australia and overseas.

2. ANY OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING PROPOSALS

Motions of Appreciation

We respectfully request a formal motion of appreciation be moved for the significant contribution to Presbyterian Ladies' College Council by retiring member Tony Taylor.

Prior to joining Council, Mr Taylor served as an independent member of the Master Plan and Infrastructure Committee for two years before being elected Chair of the Committee, a post he has held since early 2008. Mr Taylor retires on 3 August after serving on Council for nine years. During this time he has been involved in many significant projects including being a member of the Selection Committee responsible for the recruitment of new Principal Dr Kate Hadwen in 2015.

As Chair of the MPI Committee, he has been involved in guiding and overseeing several major projects including a new Swim & Recreation Centre, a Junior School Play & Sports Terrace with carpark, the Senior School redevelopment and the forthcoming Wellbeing Centre (due to be completed in 2017). Council has appreciated Mr Taylor's willingness to give his time and expertise, his representation of Council at many School functions, his desire to support members of senior management and his gentle humour.

PLC Council acknowledges the significant contribution of Mr Taylor for the benefit of all Parents and students at PLC.

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