



SYNOD 2023 REPORT

TRANBY COLLEGE

MEMBERSHIP

Moderator	Susy Thomas
Chair	Pip Rundle
Principal (Acting) (Ex-officio)	Emily Goforth
Co-deputy Chair	Catherine Walker
Co-deputy Chair	Sonja Matthes
Member	Greg Jason
Member	Clare Riley
Member	Michael Lester
Member	Michael Burgess
Member	Jen Park
	Peggy Mahy (resigned May 2023)
	Mahendra Vaswani (resigned February 2023)
	Tommy Shin (resigned February 2023)
	Winnie Lai Hadid (resigned February 2023)
	Paul Davidson (resigned November 2022)
	Prof Jacqueline Birt (resigned November 2022)
	Dr Susan Roberts (resigned October 2022)

REPORT

The work of Tranby College aligns with the Vision, Strategic Directions and Values of the Uniting Church WA.

Tranby College is a co-educational K-12 school offering a Christian community for everyone, where respect, empathy and understanding of different faith positions is fostered.

Our Motto is 'Uniting in Faith and Service'.

- Uniting: We work together
- Faith: We have belief in what we do and acknowledge our spiritual connection.
- Service: We are committed to giving back.

Tranby provides a safe, supportive and nurturing environment where we encourage our staff and students to Work Together (Faith), Believe in what we do and acknowledge our spiritual connection (Faith) and to be committed to giving back (Service).

Our Values of Respect, Integrity, Commitment, Collaboration and Service align perfectly with the Seven Core Values of the Uniting Church; Love, Hope, Integrity, Justice, Inclusion, Accountability and Creativity, and are embraced by everyone in our Uniting Faith College Community and these Values guide our behaviours.

Early in 2022 our Junior School Community introduced the GEM Journey inspired by the Resilience Project Australia Online Wellbeing Curriculum, which encourages our students to further their values by cultivating the positive emotion pillars of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM). These pillars promote our Vision, which is to inspire and empower every student to identify and realise their hopes and dreams.

Additionally, Tranby continues to offer a Personalised Learning Framework where students work with parents and staff to Build Relational Connections, Overcome Learning & Life Challenges, Tailor Education and Create Goals, and to Ensure Student Choice & Ownership.

Staff and students are encouraged to share Faith through our Chapel services, and to care for each other and the wider community by becoming involved in our extensive Service program. Encouraging our community to contribute by providing service instils valuable lifelong skills. Students are inspired to learn by action each of the Seven Strategic Focus Actions of the Uniting Church Strategic Planning Framework and live the Motto of Tranby College in their Service.

Executive Summary

Tranby College continues to flourish and grow in size through the impact of offering our values-based, personalised education plan. Demand for places has increased and several of our year groups are full with significant waitlists for enrolments.

Building has commenced on our new state of the art Childcare Centre which has been necessary due to the growth in our area and it is hoped this will be completed by March 2024. Renovations to our existing buildings are being undertaken and the campus is thriving with vibrant students.

The impact of COVID-19 and restrictions to regular travel to see family in other states or countries took a significant toll on Ms Peggy Mahy who was appointed as Principal in 2021. Ms Mahy tendered her immediate resignation to the College in May this year. Ms Mahy is finalising her plans to return to Victoria with her family.

Ms Emily Goforth has taken on the role of Acting Principal for the remainder of 2023. Ms Goforth had previously held the position of Deputy Principal and brings significant 'Tranby' experience to the Principal role having been a member of staff for the past five years. The College community have embraced her appointment and are looking forward to the continued growth of our school.

Tranby College hosted, for the first time in the Baldivis region, the 2023 Fringe World Festival in February this year. The event presented a range of entertainment from national and local artists and included performances from our talented students. The community were invited to attend purchasing tickets to various performances as well as enjoying free events such as the Senior School Art Exhibition.

The 2022 Annual Report will be published on our website.

<https://www.tranby.wa.edu.au/publications-policies/>

Faith and Service at Tranby College

Chapel

At Tranby College everyone from K-12, students, and staff, participate in Chapel Services, guided by our Chaplain, Steve Frances, with assistance from Junior and Senior Chapel Captains.

Chaplain Steve provides guidance, education and support to our community through various themes in Chapel services along with his availability and willingness to offer counsel to staff and students in any time of need.

The Chaplain is heavily involved in Service and Community activities at the College and conducts voluntary Bible study classes for those wishing to expand their knowledge.

Service

Service Learning is an essential component for the students at Tranby College. It supports our College Values and College Motto, 'Uniting in Faith and Service' and it encourages our students to care for, and support others, developing a strong understanding of what it means to give back, and to make a positive impact to our local and global communities.

Our Junior School students begin Service Learning in the classroom through simple tasks such as nominating a helper for various class errands or contributing towards the Uniting Christmas Appeal for those in need. This early introduction to service, builds an understanding that helping others is a shared responsibility.

In the Senior School, the Service Learning Program is 'Serving Alongside Others' which provides students with authentic and valuable community service opportunities that truly help people in need. The impact of COVID-19 had greatly impacted opportunities to be involved in the wider community but, fortunately, we are now slowly reintroducing community programs in the wider community such as Disabled Surfers Association, we do hope to be welcomed back to Ronald McDonald House later in the year as well as participating in ongoing programs listed below:

- Leukemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave
- UnitingWA Winter Sock Appeal;
- UCA WA Sleep Rough Event, and
- Smith Family S2S Reading Program.

Additionally, participants continue to volunteer throughout the College cooking, baking, gardening, and assisting in any way they can.

Emily Goforth, Principal (Acting)
Pip Rundle, Chair