

# THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting 21st July, 2020, The Global Classroom

Meeting Opened: 6.40pm

Present: Dr Rob McEwan, Krysta Brocklehurst, Alli McShane, Claire McQuillen, Jane Frazzica, Anna Yard-Cumming, Michaela Beckitt, Nick Ledwell, Anthony Gunton, Lou Christie, Alex Kuzis, Dayana Baker, Nic Robertson, Kezia Mellers.

Apologies: Patrice Lawrence, John Groom.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 26th

All positions vacated, Dr Rob McEwan thanked previous office bearers and congratulated the incoming office bearers.

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| President      | Alli McShane        |
| Vice President | Dayana Baker        |
| Secretary      | Lou Christie        |
| Treasurer      | Krysta Brocklehurst |

General Members/Committee  
Members

## Presidents Report

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2019 was a busy and successful year for the Parents Association. Numerous school community events were held, including open days, community hubs, grandparents' days, and the spectacular Magenta and Blacker. The parents Association members were able to provide assistance and volunteer coordination for all these events, as well as running successful Mother's and Father's Day stalls, The Ladies High Tea at Wrest Point, Blokes and Spokes, and the bar and gate at the Magenta and Blacker. Overall, over \$7000 was raised by these events, no small feat, and our thanks goes to all those who contributed to the success of these events.

2020 started off really well, with Blokes and Spokes again proving to be a popular and well supported event. It was great to see such a wide range of age groups in attendance, with everyone enjoying their day immensely. Unfortunately, the rest of this year has been extraordinarily unusual. With all community and Parents Association events and meeting suspended from March, it has been a challenging year for everyone involved.

The past year has seen The Hutchins School continue to provide a breadth of opportunity across the academic, co-

The year began with news of our graduating Year 12 cohort achieving the highest academic results for the School since the introduction of ATARs in 2006. Year 12 boys completed 32 certificates for vocational education and training and we had a 100% TCE graduation rate compared to the State average of 58% and 78% across Independent Schools. The boys achieved a median ATAR of 89.75, meaning almost every second boy achieved an ATAR above 90, seven of those boys achieved an ATAR above 99 and for the second consecutive year, a Hutchins boy placed first in the State with an ATAR of 99.95. By any measure, the academic achievement of our graduating cohort was outstanding and allowed boys to pursue their chosen post-school pathways.

Outstanding academic achievement was of course not limited to our Year 12 cohort. A small sample of highlights include The Hutchins School winning the Year 9 and 10 division of the International Da Vinci Decathlon, an academic competition that involved some of the best teams from around the world gathering in Venice, Italy to compete across ten disciplines. For the first time in the competition's history, the national individual and team winners of the Business Educators Australasia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition came, from not only the same state, but remarkably from the same Business Studies class right here at Hutchins.

Boys achievements in mathematics were remarkable, with 23 boys accelerated in mathematics across different year levels with the results showing at the national level. Will Rumley in Year 7 achieved a score in the top 0.01% nationally in the Australian Mathematics Competition Trust (one in 10000) and Harry Sillifant (Year 10), Warren Huang (Year 6) and Arjun Yellap (Year 7) placed in the top 0.3% in the Australian Maths Trust Competition. Seth Homfrey (Year 9) completed two, third year university mathematics courses where he achieved high distinction in both and placed second in the class amongst adult mathematicians.

In team events, Hutchins placed first in the State in the Year 7/8; Year 9/10; and Year 11/12 divisions of the Maths relay event making Hutchins the highest achieving school in mathematics in the State.

The School hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> International Student Science Conference, welcoming students from Italy, China, Sydney, Hong Kong and Taiwan, sent a Physics team to the Junior Physics Tournament in New Zealand, placing 5<sup>th</sup> and Raiden Lemon and Sudhaunshu (Sud ar shoe) Hardikar won the Best Research Investigation of the Year at the 2019 Tasmanian Science Talent Search Awards. Raiden Lemon in Year 12 was also one of only five students selected nationally to represent Australia at the International Youth Physics Tournament in Poland where Mr Peter Crofts, Head of Science, was the teacher in charge of the Australian team.

In English Ben Davies (Year 10), Izac Grantham (Year 11) and Malcolm Ward (Year 12) achieved the highest score possible on the University of New South Wales's International Competitions and Assessments for English and a number of boys placed in the top three for the Alliance Française competition and the Chinese Speaking and Performance Competition.

A comprehensive survey was conducted

