

## School Board Report for 2020

As Leeming Senior High School is an independent public school, the School Board has a role to contribute to the governance of the school and support the school in meeting its objectives.

In 2020, the school board had parent, staff, community and student members. Our parent members were Michelle Striepe, Shane Styles, Kevin Sullivan, Ross Taplin, Gareth Tasker, Michael Blakemore (P&C President), Amanda Tilbury and Claire Purcell. Our staff members were Angels Gilabert-Jaumot, Mark Williams, and Brendon Wallwork (Principal ex officio). Our community member was Joel Noble and the school captains Kaitlyn Perera and Shannon Neale were our student members.

The role and functions of the School Board are set by the *School Education Act 1999* and supporting regulations and include:

- taking part in establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions and in evaluating the school's performance in achieving those objectives, priorities and directions;
- approving voluntary charges and contributions for each school year;
- determining a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school; and
- promoting the school in the community.

In 2020 the LSHS School Board met four times, with one meeting held each term. A significant item for discussion this year was the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school, and the Board acknowledged and thanked all staff for the significant work done to prepare for online learning early in 2020 and for the ongoing support to students provided by the school throughout an unusual school year.

Other activities undertaken by School Board for 2020 were:

- discussing ongoing initiatives to support student and staff health and wellbeing, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- noting the school budget and funding;
- noting the academic achievements of the school including ATAR scores and graduation rates for 2019;
- continuing the development of a new policy covering parent and staff communication; and
- approving voluntary contributions and charges for 2021.

I would like to offer my thanks to all the members of the School Board for their contribution to the Board in 2020.

Claire Purcell  
Board Chairperson

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