

## **Board Chairman report to AGM for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020.**

### ***Playford College, where a better future is being made.***

It is with pleasure that I present Playford College Annual Report for the academic year of 2020, a year which has challenged us all. As I reflect on the role of the School Board over this twelve-month period, I am filled with a sense of achievement in all that the Board has accomplished. Despite these challenges, the School Board continued in its steady governance and policy role, working with, and supporting School Leadership as required.

The commitment of being on the School Board is significant, with monthly Board and Finance Committee meetings along with the preparation time required for each meeting. It is a role that none of the Board Directors take lightly, and I am thankful for the thoughtful and robust contributions from each of the Board Directors.

As a community that is rooted in the Islamic tradition, Playford College aim to contribute to our local and wider communities, providing experiences that nurture holistic development considering the spiritual, psychological, and physical dimensions of our existence.

The three areas of focus for the Board for 2020 related to our increasing student enrolment, COVID 19 & its impact both in Australia and internationally and the execution of many construction and improvement projects within the school.

Slowly but surely, Playford College continued to grow in many dimensions including student enrolment. Despite its short age, student enrolments have continued to increase in 2020 with waiting list in many years. This reflects parents and students' confidence in the school bright future.

This increased enrolment promoted School Leadership and school board to upgrade and expand school facilities.

A major task undertaken by the board was to review our long-term planning and update our Five-Year Strategic Plan, including the expansion of the school buildings to facilitate the growth of our student population.

In 2020, the College Board met frequently to prepare two important projects. One of them is the building of Covered Outdoor Learning Area, COLA and other essential school facilities. The second project was the construction of Stage 1 & 2 of school Master Plan.

This project will provide state of the art multi-stage building to replace and upgrade the existing buildings and facilities.

Stages 1 and 2 have been combined were constructed simultaneously starting in Dec 2020. The multi-million-dollar project will include double storey, state of- the-art, customised designed buildings.

Playford College is delighted to have Phillips/Pilkington Architects design the Master Plan. Phillips/Pilkington has lots of experience designing school facilities and upgrades in SA.



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After an open tendering process, Cook Building was selected to construct this project. The project is funded via a loan from SA Government Financial Authority SAFA, a grant from SA Independent Schools Block Grant Authority BGA and Playford College contribution. We would like to thank SAFA and BGA for their assistance and contribution to this important project.

The key focus of the project is to enhance teaching and learning to promote better educational results in the community.

Stage 1 on the Ground floor includes a fully equipped Home Economics room with 7 cooking stations, a brand-new Science Laboratory, and a versatile STEAM room (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). Stage 2, on the first floor, includes more breakout spaces with large windows and views of the campus, seven new classrooms with large exterior windows for natural lighting and views of the Dauntsey Reserve, workspaces with new, high resolution, large screen TVs and ICT capabilities

In addition to above, 2020 was very productive as the school board worked closely with school leadership to plan, prepare, and execute many important projects. Below is a summary of these projects

Project	Estimate cost	Expected completion. Issues/ Comments
<b>Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Master Plan Secondary school</b>	5.2 million	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Architect is <a href="#">Phillip Pilkington Architect</a></li> <li>2. Builder: Cook building</li> <li>3. Funding: BGA grant, SAFA loan and school contribution.</li> <li>4. Competitive tendering process</li> <li>5. Ground floor: Science, STEAM and Home Economy labs</li> <li>6. Upper floor: 7 classrooms</li> <li>7. Construction commenced in Dec 2020</li> <li>8. Expected completion, October 2021</li> </ol>
<b>School bought nearby property. 15 Dauntsey Road, Elizabeth, SA</b>	\$ 299 K	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As a plan for future expansion, the school took the opportunity and bought a nearby house that is attached to the school car park.</li> <li>2. The house will be converted into Community Hub to assist parents to learn new skills in English, Computer, and other basic skills.</li> <li>3. School provide childcare to allow parents participate in their activities.</li> </ol>
<b>Safe Community project</b>	193K Grant + school contribution	<p><b>SA Electronic provided quotations to</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install Wired Phone system /PABX/ intercom/</li> <li>2. Server Cabinet relocation by SA Electronics.</li> <li>3. Updated Car Park and school building lighting</li> <li>4. Install CCTV throughout the school</li> <li>5. New alarm system</li> <li>6. New PA system</li> <li>7. FOBS access system</li> <li>8. Install new fence with controlled sliding gates and PA access</li> </ol>
<b>Junior Primary Playground,</b>	90-120K,	<p><b>This project involves</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A new 'Nature play' playground for reception and primary student. It includes ancient ruins, trees, sand pit, slide, tress, seating areas and water creek.</li> </ol>



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	Grant + school contribution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Replaced a sore spot in the school and changed it to natural activity and play area</li> <li>3. Official opening was on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</li> </ol>
<b>nCOLA, Staff toilet upgrade, New Finance Office</b>	350-400 K	<p><b>Own builder</b>  <b>Architect: Jim Diamante Designs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Covered Outside Learning Area was installed and replaced an old and risky column style space. This area became favourite for children sport, assembly and gathering.</li> <li>2. Refurbishment of staff toilet, 5 female toilet, 3 male toilets and one unisex, disability toilet</li> <li>3. New Finance Office was built</li> </ol>
<b>SAFA Loan &amp; BGA</b>		<p>The board and school leadership worked together to achieve these excellent financial assistance and support to support stage 1 &amp; 2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Australia Financial Authority provided low interest loan for stage 1 &amp; 2. Loan amount 2.9 Millions</li> <li>2. BGA contributed with 1.74 million for above project</li> </ol>
<b>Air-conditions upgrade</b>	48K	Upgrade to several AC units in our school
<b>Transposable Classrooms</b>	40K	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accommodate the increasing student enrolment, the board and school leadership worked together and bought 2 second hand transportable classrooms.</li> <li>2. These were used for middle school and installed late Dec 2020</li> </ol>
<b>Fire Service</b>		FESSA was chosen to replace all fire extinguishers and install a maintenance system.
<b>Electrical work and upgrade</b>	10.5K	Major electrical work and upgrade was done. Recalling of exposed electrical and data cables into new safe location within COLA plan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the school leadership, teaching and supporting staff in Finance, Admin, Maintenance and IT Department for their fabulous and hard work, commitments, and dedications. The tireless support provided to our children by our outstanding teaching staff, school leadership team and parents and carers are something we should all be proud of in what proved to be an extraordinary year.

It is appropriate and fitting that I express my thanks to those who serve as Board Directors; Vice Chair, Dr. Saad Jaber, Mr. Mohsin Mirza, Mr. Syed Asad Ali Naqvi and Mr. Sam Tripodi

I am thankful for their many years of service and the way they have contributed to the Board over these years.

Finally, we always end with what we started and that is,

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Warm Regards

Dr. Abdul-razaq Musa,

Board Chair, On behalf of the Board