

MAZENOD COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome to the Parents Association (PA) AGM for 2025.

This year kicked off with the annual Welcome Sundowner in the College Quadrangle. The College had a record turn out and it was wonderful to meet so many parents, including our new Year 7 parents.

The PA, together with the College, embarked on community consultation to formerly rebrand ‘Mazza Mums’ to ‘Mazenod Helping Hands’. Next steps will involve running a student competition for the boys to design a new logo, with new merchandise to follow.

This year the PA has proudly funded a number of initiatives, including:

- The Daniel Principe (Youth Advocate & Educator) Parent Presentation;
- New games and accessories for the Games Club;
- The supply and installation of customised drapes for Oblate Hall – which helped balance both the acoustics and the aesthetics to transform the space from a gymnasium into an amazing theatre for “School of Rock – The Musical” – and which will be well utilised for a number of College events in the months and years to come;
- Three (3) new barbeques for the College, which were utilised for the Mazenod Mission Day, Peer Support Brekky, R U OK? Day and a number of other College events;
- Art supplies for a whole school collaborative art project, depicting the six Noongar seasons, which commenced during Harmony Week and was officially unveiled during the NAIDOC Assembly.
- Artificial Flowers for the Chapel to supplement the Chapel's Fresh Flower Roster;
- Funding for the Ferragosto Event, following the Feast of the Assumption Mass, during Languages Week; and
- Shirts for the Indigenous students as part of the Mazenod Indigenous Program, in time to present them to the students during NAIDOC Week celebrations.

In July, the Executive Committee took a walk around the College campus, together with Simon Harvey and Fr Michael, to identify PA funding initiatives. A report summarising these PA initiatives will be presented at our upcoming General Meeting. The PA has also received a few grant applications to consider at that meeting.

A big thank you to:

- Our Executive Committee, comprising Dan Watson (our Treasurer) and Sarah Adams (our Secretary) and our Mazenod Helping Hands Co-ordinator, Sarah Keough, for their efforts throughout the year
- Our Ex Officio members, including Principal, Simon Harvey, our Assistant Deputy Principal of Administration, Beau Hemley, Father Michael Twigg OMI and Michael Anderson, our Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning who attended our last PA meeting (as Acting Principal) for their ongoing collaboration
- Our staff members, Brett Scarey (Communications), Tamara Laurito (Principal's EA) and Emma Van Niekerk (ICT) for their ongoing support
- Parents who have attended meetings and helped out in other ways

The PA simply wouldn't function without everyone working as a team. So thank you.

Special thanks to Dan Watson who, this evening, officially retires from the PA. Dan's invaluable service (always with a smile) to the Mazenod community over the years has been greatly appreciated and certainly does not go unnoticed. We will miss Dan very much and we will have an opportunity to properly thank Dan at the Volunteers Thank You event.

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I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and the College Senior Leadership Team on new projects in the coming months and setting new goals for 2026.

Finally, as always, a reminder that Mazenod College is a member of the Catholic School Parents WA Inc. (CSPWA) and I encourage parents and guardians to explore the resources of the CSPWA's website: <https://www.csp.wa.edu.au/>

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