

Kevin Maynard – St Brendan-Shaw College Outstanding Contribution as a Friend in Catholic Schools

School governance is an area where schools can struggle to attract people with the appropriate skills to volunteer their time or if they do they only serve one term before moving on. Kevin Maynard came to St Brendan-Shaw College as a parent as his children progressed into secondary Catholic education from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Ulverstone. Already, at this stage he had been contributing to the governance level for Catholic schools by being a Board member at Sacred Heart Catholic School from 1997 to 2003, serving four of these years as Board Chair. He soon took up the invitations and opportunities to contribute to the College's governance, something which the College has greatly appreciated over a number of years.

Kevin was initially appointed to the College Board Marketing Sub-committee and then after a break joined the College Board Finance Sub-committee in 2006. In 2007, Kevin was appointed a member of the College Board where he served the full term of six years, including one year as Deputy Chair and four years as Board Chair. All of these groups have extremely important roles to play in presenting the face of the College to the local community and in assisting the College and Principal in managing the College resources to ensure the students have the best possible education options, experiences and facilities during their time at St Brendan-Shaw. These groups provide a sounding board for the College Principal and staff and Kevin's wise counsel over the years drawing on his business experience and local knowledge has been invaluable.

Kevin then continued on to utilise his insightful understanding of Catholic education by taking up the invitation to join senior governance bodies in the Catholic education system. After his involvement on the School Board and other groups concluded, Kevin joined the St Brendan-Shaw College Governing Council and then became the College's Governing Council representative on the Association of Catholic Colleges in Tasmania Governors' Council. As a member of the Association, Kevin worked with the other governing bodies in 2018 to build the new governance arrangements for Catholic Education Tasmania that came into effect at the beginning of 2019. Kevin is someone who likes to contribute to not only his local community but the broader community, as was seen by his trip overseas to act as an international missionary volunteer with his wife to help the marginalised and less fortunate.

Kevin is well liked and known within the College community. He is respected for his personal integrity, ethical conduct, his work as an active advocate for the Catholic Church and for demonstrating Christian principles in all levels of his conduct. Kevin's commitment to Catholic education and his advocacy for St Brendan-Shaw College and Catholic education in general make him a worthy recipient of this Award.