



**Stella Maris College Manly**  
**Parents & Friends**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Meeting opened:** 6.30 pm.

**Attendance:**

Linda Rowe, Clare Cahill, Sharyn Quirk, Sue Homann, Cecilia Lee, Elle Weedon, Jo Read

**Apologies:** Catherine Fitzgerald, Stuart Frank

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**Prayer and welcome with acknowledgement of country**

Elle welcomed the group with the prayer and acknowledgement of country.

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**Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes from the P&F Annual General Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were accepted.

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**Business Arising**

**Fundraising**

After a discussion on Fundraise, the following actions were agreed:

- The school to come back with ideas on what they would like funded by P&F
- Build a separate fundraising committee to come up with a strategy – sub committee
- Build a list of proposed funding ideas.

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**Reports**

**Budget**

Cecilia went through the budget as follows:

- Balance: \$10.6k
- Food invoice to come in \$1.2k
- Remaining balance: Around \$9k

**Principal's Report**

Sharyn read out the Principal's Report below:

Term 1 began with great energy and optimism across the College as we welcomed students and families back for the 2026 school year, including our new Year 7 cohort. This year holds special significance as Stella Maris celebrates 95 years of educating young women. Early in the term, the College community gathered for our 95th Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo

and Fr Chima, which was a beautiful and significant moment in our anniversary year. We also marked the launch of our new **Strategic Plan, Flourish: Our Path Towards 2030**, which sets a clear and hopeful direction for the future of the College. Alongside this, our 2026 College theme, Hospitality, has begun shaping the way we speak about community, belonging and the Benedictine spirit that underpins life at Stella Maris. A number of important community events also took place during these opening weeks. Our **Year 7 Parent Information Evening** provided families with valuable insight into the year and the **P&F Sunset Social** that followed was a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect. Thank you to the P&F for your hospitality and support in helping foster this sense of belonging. Our **Swimming Carnival** was a highlight of the term, marked by strong participation, House spirit and joyful community energy despite challenging weather. Year 7 students also attended camp, where they built confidence, resilience and friendship early in their secondary school journey. The College recognised **International Women's Day**, affirming the importance of forming young women of courage, dignity and leadership. In addition, we celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2025, including welcoming them back to the College and acknowledging Sara Trimboli as the recipient of the Freshwater Community Bank Scholarship. Looking ahead, Stella Maris will host the **Waves of Schools Variety Concert** on 14 March as part of the St Mary's 150th anniversary celebrations. **NAPLAN** assessments for Year 7 and Year 9 students have now commenced, providing important literacy and numeracy development and supporting the College in monitoring student growth and refining learning programs. Thank you to the P&F for your continued support of the College and for the important role you play in strengthening our community

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### **Up and coming events**

#### **TERM 1:**

- **Open Evening BBQ – 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Clare will collect soft drinks for the P&F to sell.
- **Stella Fellas Bowling – 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Consider pushing out to Term 2.

#### **TERM 2:**

- **Luna Park – 2<sup>nd</sup> May**
- **Mother's Day Breakfast (raffle) – 8<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Trivia Night - 12<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **TERM 3:**

- **Stella Ladies Long Lunch - Proposed Friday 23rd October**  
Linda will book with the venue.

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### **Matters for future consideration.**

- Fundraising \$3k – proposed & seconded by Linda

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### **Q&A with Sharyn Quirk**

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**Meeting closed**            7.35 pm.