

Meeting opened: 6.30 pm.

Attendance:

Stuart Frank, Catherine Fitzgerald, Sharyn Quirk, Sue Homann, Jo Reid, Ellie Weeden, Cecilia Lee.

Apologies: Linda Rowe, Clare Cahill

Prayer and welcome with acknowledgement of country

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

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes from the P&F Annual General Meeting on 5th June 2025 were moved by Elle and seconded by Stuart.

Reports

President's Report

Elle went through the President's report from Linda and herself.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Cecilia:

- Cecilia advised that it is important for the P&F to maintain a minimum balance of **\$10,000** in the bank account to ensure sufficient cash flow for events.
- Sue advised that she would speak with Lara regarding funding requirements for the upcoming Trivia Night. There is currently **\$12,100** owing to Manly Leagues Club, leaving the P&F approximately **\$2,000 short** of the required funds.

Principal's Report

Sharyn Quirk gave her Principal's Report for June below:

Community & Culture

It's been a busy and vibrant few weeks at Stella, with many moments that highlight the strength of our community and the heart of our College.

- We recently welcomed our local Parish Priests — Fr Chima, Fr Marek, and Fr Sam — along with seminarian Alfred, to a special luncheon. Their continued presence and involvement at the College help nurture our students' spiritual lives. In the coming weeks, Fr Sam will be leading Reconciliation services, celebrating Recess Mass, and spending time in classrooms and the playground.
- Our College Chapel has been beautifully restored and re-established as a sacred space for prayer and reflection. It's now a peaceful and inviting place where students and staff can take time out for spiritual nourishment.
- The Mother's Day Breakfast was a truly joyful celebration, with over 600 guests joining us — a wonderful expression of our community spirit.
- Our New Parents' Dinner on 22 May provided an opportunity to personally welcome families whose daughters will begin in 2025. It was lovely to meet these families and share the warmth and values of Stella life.
- Several of our senior students participated in St Augustine's production of Clue — a fantastic collaboration that builds confidence and connection across our local Catholic school network.
- On the international front, our College is being represented at the NSW International Education Roadshow in China, part of our ongoing commitment to a culturally diverse and globally engaged student body.
- We also celebrated Stella Day, one of the most loved and meaningful events in our College calendar. Stella Day is a time to honour Mary, the mother of Christ, and to give heartfelt thanks to our incredible Founders, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, whose legacy of faith, compassion, and service continues to shine through everything we do. We kicked off the day with a joyful and uplifting Mass, before launching into a full day of celebration! From laughter-filled activities to moments that strengthen our connection as a community, every part of the day was designed to remind us of the power of unity, joy, and purpose. This year's theme — "Decades" — brought colour, creativity, and so much fun to the campus. With leg warmers, flares, scrunchies, and shoulder pads out in full force, students and staff alike embraced the spirit of the day. Stella Day isn't just an event — it's a vibrant reminder of who we are, where we've come from, and the amazing things we can achieve when we come together as one.

Learning & Wellbeing

- This term we hosted three Student Learning Conferences across Years 7–11. These sessions continue to be highly valued by families and staff alike, offering a chance for students to reflect on their learning and set meaningful goals.
- Students across all year levels have recently completed a range of assessments, and teachers are now providing feedback to support growth and reflection. This is a key part of the learning cycle, helping students to identify their strengths and areas for improvement as they move forward.
- Our Careers Discovery Morning was another highlight. We welcomed 29 mentors — including parents and alumni — who shared their career journeys and insights with students. Thank you to all involved! Your generosity makes a real difference.
- Year 10 students are currently in the midst of selecting their Stage 6 subjects. The process is well-supported with information sessions, one-on-one conversations, and guidance from leaders and subject coordinators. It's a crucial time and we're focused on helping each student make informed, confident decisions.

- Our co-curricular programs in sport, dance, drama, and music remain very popular. It's encouraging to see so many students engaging with enthusiasm — these opportunities play an essential role in their wellbeing and development.

Sustainability & Stewardship

- The Creative Arts Building is nearing completion and remains on schedule, thanks to the effective collaboration between our project partners. We're looking forward to opening this beautiful space very soon!
- Over 1,000 community members participated in the naming process, and we are delighted to announce the chosen name: Polding — a tribute that honours our Good Samaritan heritage.
- We are pleased to share that the Official Opening Mass and Blessing of Polding will take place early in Term 3, on 29 July. We are honoured that Bishop Anthony will preside over this special occasion. The blessing of a new building is a sacred moment in the life of a Catholic school — one that acknowledges God's presence in the everyday work of learning, creating, and belonging. We will be joined by invited dignitaries, alumni, and friends of the College to mark this significant milestone in our story.

Election of Bearers

All roles were open for election and the results were as follows:

Role	Successful Candidate	Moved	Seconded
Co-Presidents	Linda Rowe Ellie Weeden	Stuart Frank	Jo Reid
Treasurer	Cecilia Lee	Elle Weeden	Jo Reid
Secretary & Marketing & Communications Officer	Catherine Fitzgerald	Stuart Frank	Jo Reid
Event Manager	Stuart Frank	Elle Weeden	Jo Reid
Graphic Designer	Clare Cahill	Stuart Frank	Jo Reid
Fundraising Coordinator	Jo Reid stepped down from the role. This role is now vacant.		

The position of **Fundraising Manager** is currently vacant. The committee formally acknowledged and thanked **Jo Reid** for the outstanding work she has undertaken in this role over the past year.

Events

Stella Maris 95th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

Sue presented a proposal for the school's **95th Anniversary "95 for 95" Campaign**.

The campaign would encourage every Stella Maris family to donate **\$95 over a 95-day period**. The funds raised would support future building projects, educational resources and learning opportunities for students.

Sue also proposed that the P&F act as a matched donor. The P&F agreed to donate \$9,500 of its funds when able.

Father & Daughter Dinner

Catherine requested that the P&F provide financial support for the upcoming **Year 12 Father & Daughter Dinner**. Due to lower-than-expected ticket sales, the event was operating at a deficit of **\$678**. The P&F agreed to cover the event deficit of **\$678**. This was moved by Jo Reid and seconded by Cecilia.

Trivia Night

Raffle ticket sales will commence the following week. Committee members agreed to arrive at **6.00 pm** on the evening of the event to assist with set-up.

Term 3

- Father's Day Raffle

Term 4

- Ladies Lunch at **Teddy Larkins** (23 October)
- Elle proposed holding a **Second-Hand Uniform Marketplace**, incorporating second-hand uniform sales, BBQ and Cake stalls. Discussions to take place with the College