

A message from Sue Miller, Governing Council Chair

The magazine highlights for all of us what is so amazing at EFS and shows how the momentum generated by a culture of continuous, incremental improvement benefits current and future students and our broader school community – it is obvious our teachers, staff and volunteers all go beyond what is reasonably expected. What a wonderful record of the achievements of our students during a very different year – we will all remember 2020!



On 19 February this year a 'Letter to the Editor' was published in The Advertiser and posted on our Facebook page and Instagram pages. It is included here for the record. Governing Council cannot stress enough how valuable the connection with local enterprise is to our school.

"The renewed focus on vocational education in schools and alternative career pathways is very welcome but already embedded at Eastern Fleurieu School. At EFS we treasure our strong connection with our business community; we know that access to a skilled workforce is a key economic driver across the Fleurieu and Adelaide Hills. We are fortunate so many business enterprises on the Fleurieu and beyond host EFS students for work experience, school-based apprenticeships, traineeships, casual and permanent employment. Many businesses and individual contractors sponsor school events and activities, donate their time, expertise, products and services to our school. This is so valuable in helping our students make informed decisions about their futures, keep them at school and achieve their SACE. These amazing business owners and operators play a major role shaping EFS' young people into productive members of their local communities and giving them confidence and skills to compete on a global stage. Students are leaving EFS with many more choices as a result. On behalf of school leadership, every parent and caregiver in our EFS community, thank you."

Congratulations to every student across our five campuses - not just those featured in the magazine – knowing how to measure for yourself your own personal growth every year is a pathway to success.

Governing Council acknowledges the high level of engagement and dedication shown by our Campus Advisory Committees. The CACs support local campus identity and integration into the wider Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School community, and provide a parent voice in the areas of student welfare, fundraising, campus infrastructure, school culture and continuous improvement. CAC members uphold our school values and help create a welcoming and engaged school community for families, which in turn strengthens the connections between parents, the school and broader community. Their support for each Head of Campus, School Leadership Teams and Governing Council is invaluable.

Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School Governing Council 2020

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