

## End of Year Report | 2021

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Congratulations to the Class of 2021 and to the entire Mac.Rob community on making it through another highly challenging year. The students and staff alike have shown incredible spirit, positivity, and persistence.

Mac.Rob School Council congratulates the School leadership team for their steadfast commitment to the School Strategic Plan. This year has brought some notable progress towards these goals:

- Plans to upgrade facilities to enhance the learning environment for our students and increase capacity are progressing, and Council looks forward to the commencement of construction works in the first semester of 2022.
- Mac.Rob has been authorised as an IB World School. We are delighted to report that there has been a strong interest in this programme as an alternative to VCE. Our first cohort commence this 2-year International Baccalaureate Diploma programme in 2022, and we wish them well on this exciting educational journey.
- We, as a Council, have also been pleased to see the school make substantial progress towards the strategic goals of improving student engagement, agency, and wellbeing, as well as building the instructional capacity of all staff through enhanced, consistent approaches to teaching and learning. We have welcomed the launch of the new school values and look forward to these being embedded in every aspect of MacRob.

These significant achievements and progress in the face of so many challenges is a testament to the staff and leadership of Mac.Rob, and to our amazing, strongly-connected students. We commend them for the way they have pulled together as a community and supported one another whilst remaining focused on their end goals.

In June we bid farewell to our esteemed Principal, Ms. Anne Stout, and thanked her for her significant contribution to our school and for her visionary leadership. We also welcomed with great enthusiasm our new Principal, Ms. Sue Harrap - a highly accomplished leader whose educational vision aligns with the vital and inclusive role selective entry schools have in ensuring a sense of connection, belonging, and challenge for like-minded, highly-able students.

We all know of Mac.Rob's public reputation as a prestigious academic school. But to those of us who are lucky to work at, attend, or observe our teenagers who attend this special place, Mac.Rob is so much more. It's an inclusive, safe, richly diverse community of smart, interesting, curious, like-minded peers who strive to thrive together. Mac.Rob's School Council is confident that our school leadership team recognises and celebrates these unique qualities of Mac.Rob. We are confident in Ms. Sue Harrap's vision, which will be achieved through her focus, her commitment, and strong drive to improve and support the wellbeing and growth of staff, students and parents. We believe the future of Mac.Rob is very bright under her leadership and that of her team.

We acknowledge and thank the 2021 Mac.Rob School Council members for their commitment and generous contributions. They have engaged in robust, constructive discussions and have always prioritised student outcomes.

Go well, Class of 2021. We can't wait to hear of the extraordinary lives you will live.



**Ruth Murphy**  
School Council President

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