

FROM THE USC COUNCIL 2019

Year 2019 has been a year of consolidation for University Senior College in so many areas, but the groundwork undertaken by Principal Anita Zocchi, her Senior Leadership team and the staff (with Council support) over the past 12 months has given all of us an exciting look at the future as we collectively position USC in the educational landscape within South Australia and enhance our reputation nationally and internationally.

A prime example of that positioning (at time of writing this report) is that in 2020, USC is poised to offer three Year 10 classes in our newly refurbished Gawler Place campus following Council's decision to support the Senior Leadership recommendation in 2018 for the inclusion of Year 10 as an offering at University Senior College.

Our expectations were that we might have one class in Year 10 initially. However the strong demand in the market to assist Year 10 students in developing as independent, resilient and successful learners in a niche learning environment with inspirational teachers is proving to be very attractive for students and parents. The additional benefit of developing a pool of students taking up our Year 11, 12 and 13 offerings cannot be understated in securing the future of USC.

Anita will provide more detail in her report of this exciting development (along with many others) as we look forward to a rewarding 2020 after many years of consolidating our infrastructure footprint in the University grounds, driving high level teaching and learning programs to suit our students and supporting the professional learning of staff to deliver the best educational outcomes. The highest quality of teaching and learning is a critical advantage and the further development of the USC Teaching & Learning Framework will be an all of staff initiative and focus in 2020.

In 2020 the Council will also support Anita and her team in several other key focus areas including embedding the new Year 10 Program and driving increased diversity of cultural backgrounds of students in the international program through increased international student enrolment from new markets.

In addition, we are working closely with the University of Adelaide to develop the future iteration of our Partner's Pathway program for entry into the University which will be an important differentiator for USC in the senior education market.



I want to say thank you to Anita, Deputy Principal, Tim Agnew, and their senior team for their outstanding leadership again in 2019. We are fortunate to have such a committed and talented group leading the College. To our skilled and experienced teaching and support staff who provide our students with stimulating learning opportunities, the Council expresses its sincere appreciation.

We also acknowledge the strong support and collaboration we are fortunate to have from our partner, the University of Adelaide. To our School Council I offer my personal thanks for the members' ongoing support and for their time and wisdom. Finally, the Council thanks the Year 12 graduates for enriching our school with their vitality and presence. We wish our departing students all the best as they venture forward in life - hopefully all the better for their time at USC.



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