
USC COUNCIL REPORT 2024

It has been another year of outstanding results and big challenges. The results speak for themselves. Academic results for the year look like they will be the best they have ever been. There have been notable individual and group successes including Liam Young, Year 10, who was awarded the Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize and Sunny Beaumont, Year 11, who was awarded the SA Most Potential Junior Boxer for 2023 (Mike Tyson wants to talk with you Sunny).

The big challenge for the Council this year has been to consider and plan for the merger of The University of Adelaide with University of South Australia to create the fifth largest university in Australia. This will be an entirely new university and so all of the agreements we currently have in place with The University of Adelaide are being transferred to and in some cases renegotiated with the new Adelaide University. This is an exciting time for South Australia and for USC. We have been the largest feeder school to the University of Adelaide, and we have also been a significant contributor of students to University of South Australia. The creation of a new and larger university, based substantially on the North Terrace educational and cultural precinct, positions USC well to be a powerful force in preparing students for university education, co-located with one of the largest universities in the country.

This year the Council have agreed to expand the number of Year 10 classes to meet unprecedented demand for enrolments at this year level. Parents and students are seeking to capture the full benefit of the USC teaching and learning model and entering in Year 10 gives students the best chance of success in their final year.

This year we say good-bye to long serving USC Council Member Mr Brian Simons who has been on the Council for 10 years. Mr Simons has been an integral part of the School's success, shepherding it through some tough years, and developing the strategy with previous chair Mr Brian Cunningham which has set up the school for the success we are currently experiencing. We all owe Mr Simons a deep debt of gratitude and have relied on him for his knowledge of USC and how schools function best. We also say farewell to Professor Suzanne Le Mire, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Learning at the University of Adelaide and one of the University's two members on Council. Professor Le Mire has

achieved great success in her role at the University, lifting the teaching performance of the University to be one of the best in Australia. Professor Le Mire has been a great source of advice and support for the Council, particularly as we negotiate the merger. We wish Professor Le Mire all the best in her new role at the University of Queensland. Her position on the USC Council will be filled by the University. Joining us on the Council this year is Mr Kevin Richardson who was previously Principal of Immanuel College for 21 years. He brings a deep understanding of educational theory, practice and experience, as well as strong financial, HR and industrial relations knowledge. He has a deep connection to indigenous communities and education, and a deep understanding of technology. We very much welcome Mr Richardson to the Council and look forward to working with him to grow the reputation and performance of the school and improve access to less advantaged students to our wonderful school.

The Council once again would like to acknowledge the enormous efforts and commitment of the staff who have created the outstanding learning environment that supports our students to be able to focus and deliver their outstanding levels of performance. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the visit to USC this year by Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency, Frances Adamson AC, and Mr Rod Bunten. We greatly appreciated their interest in the School and in particular the large number of high quality civics activities that our students participate in. Finally, a big thank you from the Council to our Principal, Ms Anita Zocchi, who leads the school to greater heights every year.



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