

Advisory Council 2022

The College Advisory Council provides guidance and support to the principal and staff of St Joseph's College. As professionals and parents representing the Sunraysia community, each member contributes their knowledge, wisdom and experience to benefit St Joseph's College as a whole. Most importantly, the Advisory Council works together with the college to ensure that the Mercy Ethos remains at the heart of all we do.



BENJAMIN NICHOLSON (CHAIR)
TEACHER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ben has degrees in teaching including a Bachelor of Teaching Primary, Bachelor of Education Secondary (Maths/Science) and Masters of Instructional Leadership from Melbourne University. He has had extensive experience in school leadership roles in local schools over the last 15 years. He has been involved in postgraduate study in the area of school leadership and has been involved in and led educational research projects. He has a deep understanding of the issues facing schools. Ben has been a member of school councils both as a parent and in an executive role. He is committed to supporting the continued success of the college and believes that collaboration between the college and the community is crucial.



MARIA CARRAZZA (DEPUTY CHAIR)
BUSINESS OWNER

Maria is a business owner and understands operating a competitive, dynamic and highly regulated business including finance and compliance with state government regulations for gaming and liquor licences. She has over 25 years' experience in hospitality related businesses. In 2014 she became a member of the Banned Patrons Committee under the umbrella of the Sunraysia Liquor Accord. Maria recently became Deputy Chair of the Mildura Regional Development, is on the MRCC Audit and Risk Committee and recently joined the Princes Homes Community Living Board. She previously served on the School Advisory Council for both Sacred Heart Primary School and St Joseph's College Mildura.



ALISA PRATT
SOCIAL WORKER

Alisa has degrees in both Psychology (BBSC) & Social Work (BSW.hons) from Latrobe University. She worked for over 15 years in both the private and public mental health system managing mental health programs that specialised in Eating Disorders. In 2012, Alisa and her husband, bought the Mildura Telstra Stores. Alisa has assisted many local community organisations and groups including Walking Off the War Within, The Black Dog Ride, Sunraysia Lifeline Project and C.H.A.L.L.I.S., as well as sponsored many local sporting clubs. She has held a position on the Nichols Point Primary School Council for the past seven years.



ROBERT KLARICH
BUSINESS OWNER

Robert has worked in the media for the past 25 years starting out as a newspaper photographer to working as a news cameraman/editor. Robert has built up his own media production business in Mildura assisting local businesses and community groups promote their message and grow through television and social media.

A former student of the college, Robert is passionate about story telling using visual media. He is keen to contribute ideas that will showcase the College's excellent educational opportunities, the work done through Mercy Works and other extracurricular activities as well as highlighting student successes.



SATVINDER SINGH
SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER, LOWER MURRAY WATER

Satvinder is a Certified Irrigation Designer who has a Masters in Water Resources from the University of South Australia and a PhD in Soil and Water Engineering. Satvinder came to Australia on a point-based skills migration based on his education and experience and he understands the importance of a good education and hard work. Satvinder is keen to ensure that his child and all students are able to contribute to society and obtain a high quality education. He believes in hard work, sincerity and honesty and in keeping things simple.