



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

CSSA President's Report 2020 AGM

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

CSSA have been providing opportunities for students of Christian Schools to demonstrate their God given gifts in the field of sporting excellence for a long time. This can only be achieved by a group of committed people working together for the good of others. The Committee of Management, State Gala Day convenors, Amanda Butterworth and Linda Heslehurst are to be thanked for their dedication and perseverance in making CSSA the great organisation it is today.

Behind the scenes the Committee of Management has been busy attending to a number of things that go unseen by many.

In 2018 the committee spent numerous hours focusing on the associations finances to put in place systems and processes that will provide a solid foundation moving forward.

Our partnership with Resolve Consultancy is a key element that is now providing us with the expertise required.

In 2019 the focus moved onto policies and procedures of a legal nature. We have instigated a partnership with Prolegis who have made recommendations and provided us with key information to ensure we are compliant on many areas that have changed with more recent legislation. We are pleased with the progress that has been made and will continue to finalise these requirements into 2020 to ensure that CSSA is in a strong position legally. Our partnership with Prolegis is a crucial component of CSSA being in a strong position legally.

For some time now Costsmart has been our supplier of uniforms and merchandise. At our last meeting the Director of Costsmart presented to us a proposal for our continued relationship. We are confident that we are getting value for money and look forward to new products becoming available throughout the year.

The Committee of Management is always willing to listen to new ideas and feedback so please feel free to discuss things with any of the members of the committee.

You may also like to keep us in your prayers for wisdom and discernment.

May God continue to bless you as you provide support and encouragement the students under your care.

Justin Cox
CSSA President

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CSSA Executive Officer's Report 2020 AGM

We live in a time where political correctness is constantly challenging our Christian values. You may have heard the term Cultural Marxism bantered around. Cultural Marxism is a contested term used to describe the fight of those oppressed by cultural norms where our cultural & Christian identity is gripped by the idea that everything is political. As people of God we need to work diligently to stand against those unfair attitudes toward Christianity. In Matthew 5:14 we are encouraged to be Lights in the World.

In view of this the Association and our schools have been grappling with issues such as Gender identity and Sport which impacts the very core of competition. As we navigate our way through such issues we need to show empathy and compassion to all those involved but still remain faithful to the teachings of the bible.

In this uncertain political environment an article published by Christian Schools Australia (CSA) reported that Christian school enrolments have soared over the past five years, surpassing growth in the public and independent sectors, amid claims the rising influence of identity politics in many schools is alienating families with traditional values.

Christian schooling offers a unique community where we can educate children and young people for a life of responsive discipleship in Jesus Christ. We need to remember sport is a vital component in the growth & development of a student, helping them to develop resilience, perseverance, teamwork and leadership skills. Sport provides many opportunities to honour God by using the gifts he has given us to the best of our ability and to give thanks to God.

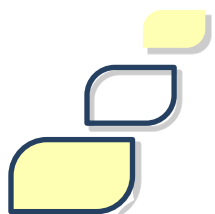
Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

But like all good gifts from God, without purposeful stewardship sport can often be distorted by an unhealthy fixation on winning and sport morphing into idolatry. We need to be good role models in this area so that our students can imitate us and learn what it means to be a Christian leader.

The National Christian Schools Games continues to offer us a fantastic platform to demonstrate this Christian leadership and to be able to spend extended time with our elite sporting students encouraging them in their walk with Jesus. It is very encouraging to hear from parents 6 months down the track how the Games had such a positive impact on their child and was a turning point in their Christian faith.

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CIS has undergone huge changes over the past 18 months which has proved to be very challenging for all involved. Not only are the changes taking place to their website and nomination procedures but also operationally. When CIS broke away from AIS and became a stand-alone Association they made sweeping constitutional changes moving away from Association based membership to School-based membership. At the time it did not seem a big deal however it has meant that the CIS Management Committee made up of Association delegates do not have a say anymore in these structural changes. This has been very frustrating for myself and Amanda and we encourage every CIS member school to take note of what is going on, attend the CIS AGM and ask the difficult questions.

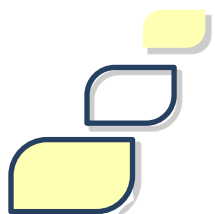
I would like to thank the CSSA Committee of Management for their strong leadership in all these areas. The Association is very blessed to have a committed and faithful group of people and I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they make future decisions to ensure the integrity of the Association remains strong.

Yours in Christ

Linda Heslehurst
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CSSA Annual General Meeting 2020

Thursday 19 March 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the following AGM Reports were distributed to CSSA Member Schools via email

1.0 AGM Reports	
Presidents Report Tabled: Linda Heslehurst	→ 21 accepted report → Accepted: Unanimously
Executive Officer Report Tabled: Linda Heslehurst	→ 21 accepted report → Accepted: Unanimously
2019 Annual Financial Report Tabled: Linda Heslehurst	→ 21 accepted report → Accepted: Unanimously

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