



## Council Announcement

### New Chair of School Council

Dear St Catherine's Community,

After 11 years as a St Catherine's Council member and 6 years as the Chair of Council, Clare Cannon has announced her retirement from the School Council, with effect from the School's annual general meeting on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

She will be succeeded as Chair by one of our current Deputy Chairs of Council, Jane Hodder. Jane has been a partner with law firm Herbert Smith Freehills since 1999, where she specialises in property, construction and infrastructure. She is also a member of various not for profit and for profit Boards, as well as a member of the external professional advisory committee to the Dean of Monash University Law School.



*Jane Hodder*

Jane and her husband Murray Ware have been involved with the School for approximately 12 years, with both daughters starting some years ago in the ELC.

Jane joined the School Council in 2015 and has played an important role in many Council issues, including through her membership of the Building & Property committee during an active phase of the School's development. Jane is also a keen supporter of various auxiliaries and the School Foundation. She was appointed Deputy Chair in mid 2016 with Kate Barber as part of Council's succession planning and has worked closely with Clare on a number of important Council initiatives.

Jane's involvement to date with the Council and more broadly the School makes her ideally positioned to assume the role of Chair on Clare's retirement at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM.

The Council, our Principal Michelle Carroll and the School's leadership team are very much looking forward to working with Jane in her new role.

Clare leaves Council with the School in a very strong position. She has been an outstanding Council member and Chair. She has a great love for the School, having been a student and captain of the School, as well as Council member, chair of Council, member of various standing committees of Council and parent of the school. Clare will of course continue her day to day involvement with the School, given that her youngest daughter is in Year 10.

There will be an opportunity later in the year for formal recognition of her contribution to the School but this announcement should not pass without expressing our gratitude for all Clare has done as Council member and Chair of Council.

Our AGM will be held at St Catherine's School, Sherren House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 May 2017. We look forward to you joining us on this important occasion.

Yours sincerely,

St Catherine's School Council

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