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From the Board

Dear Parents and Guardians

The seven members of the Board of Shalom Christian College meet monthly to receive and consider reports from the Principal and the Board's three sub-committees (Governance, Education, Audit and Finance). We are pleased to also have Rev Dennis Corowa at each meeting as our Cultural Adviser and Listener.

We are still new at the business of governing Shalom, but much progress has been made in the past 18 months or so and we now have an approved strategic plan and sound budgeting processes. We have also conducted a successful review of the school's operations and curriculum under the cyclical review processes of the Queensland Non-State Schools Accreditation Board.

In addition, consideration has been given to a communication plan, which will see the Principal and some Board members meet with families in the more remote communities during September 2015 and again in 2016. We continue to explore ways of making the Crystal Creek Campus work for us in the future as an alternative learning site.

The strategic plan, *Making Tracks*, has seven main areas as follows:

- *Students*
- *Teaching and Learning*
- *Community*
- *Staffing and Management*
- *Facilities*
- *Financial Management*
- *Governance*

Making Tracks is set out in full on the Shalom website and I encourage you to read it and send in your comments and suggestions via the Principal.

Currently we have around 300 students from communities across the NT, northern WA, northern Queensland, Torres Strait and the greater Townsville and Palm Island areas. Shalom is both a boarding school and a day school. It has students from Prep to Year 13. Together they speak around 38 languages and for many students English is a second, third or fourth language. As a result we have to tailor our teaching programs and various activities to meet the learning needs of young people from many cultures.

We look forward to serving the students, staff and families in the years ahead and we ask that you continue to support the College and your sons and daughters by:

- Praying for the students, staff and the work of the board
- Encouraging students to come back quickly after a holiday break
- Sending in your thoughts and suggestions about the strategic plan

May God bless you and the young people in your families.

Mike Millard
Board Chairman
Shalom Christian College