

ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL AND CONTROLLED ENTITY ABN 49 004 260 995

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity ABN: 49 004 260 995

Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Directors' Report

31 December 2024

The directors present their report, together with the consolidated financial statements of the School, being St Margaret's Company and its controlled entity, for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Information on continuing directors

The names, qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Mrs F Templar	
Qualifications	CA; CPA; B. Bus (Acc)
Experience	Strategic tax planning, financial management, superannuation specialist
Responsibilities	President from 22/05/2019 Chair, Executive and Governance Committee Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee Buildings & Grounds Committee St Margaret's School and Berwick Grammar School Foundation Limited
Mr P Brennan	
Qualifications	Diploma of Building & Construction; Licensed Plumber; Diploma of Project Management
Experience	Building and Construction Industry
Responsibilities	Deputy President of Council Chair Buildings and Grounds Committee
Mr D Elfick	
Qualifications	M Sc, B Sc (Hons) Agriculture
Experience	Primary Production Industry
Prof A Newman	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Laws, MA in Japanese, PhD, GCAP
Experience	Financial Management
Responsibilities	Higher Education Management, International Education
Mr S Pritchard	
Qualifications	Associate Diploma of Information Technology (Computing); Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors; Project Management Professional
Experience	Education, Insurance, Banking, Retail, Telecommunications, Mining and Government
Responsibilities	Chair - Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee
Prof T Lindsey	
Qualifications	PhD, LLB, BA, BLitt, Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court (Vic)
Experience	University Professor, Member of other school boards, Member of academic journal boards, Prior member of government education reference groups

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Information on continuing directors

Mrs A Madden Experience Responsibilities	Company Director National Events Manager, Marketing and Communications Management. Project Manager for Eastland Development Marketing Division. Director of Brand Role Out.
Mrs A Ridgway Qualifications	B.Sc (Aquaculture), Masters Property
Experience	Company Director
Responsibilities	Building and Grounds Committee
Mrs J Utan Qualifications	MBA, B Eng
Experience	Operational leadership, general management, business & transformation, and strategic leadership Senior executive in the Construction Industries, Resource Industries and Energy & Transportation
Mr B Singh	
Qualifications	Masters in Comp. Applications, B Sc (Physics Hons.), Post Graduate Diploma in Machine Learning and Al
Experience	IT industry, Software development, Leadership, Project management, data and cloud engineering, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the School during the financial year was the provision of kindergarten, primary and secondary education.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Short-term and Long-term objectives

The School's vision is for all to Strive to be their best selves, now and in the future, for the betterment of all humanity and the planet.

We aim to do this by developing good people in an intellectually rich, supportive and challenging environment and exercising COURAGE to do the right thing, CURIOSITY to know and learn, CHARACTER to be one's best self and RESPECT for all humanity and the planet.

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31 December 2024

Key Performance measures

The School measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks are used by the directors to assess the financial sustainability of the school and whether the school's short-term and long-term objectives are being achieved.

Members' guarantee

St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$ 10 for members that are corporations and \$ 10 for all other members, subject to the provisions of the company's constitution. At 31 December 2024 the collective liability of members was \$ 6,270 (2023: \$ 4,620).

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 9 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to Numbe attend attende	
Mrs F Templar	9	9
Mr P Brennan	9	7
Mr D Elfick	9	4
Prof A Newman	9	9
Mr S Pritchard	9	8
Mrs A Ridgway	9	7
Mrs J Utan	9	6
Prof T Lindsey	9	7
Mrs A Madden	8	7
Mr B Singh	5	4

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, for the year ended 31 December 2024 has been received and can be found on page 3 of the consolidated financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

0 Director: ... Director Mrs F Templar Mr S Pritchard

Dated 9 April 2025

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Members of St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2024, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

ACCRU MELBOURNE (AUDIT) PTY LTD

50 Camberwell Road Hawthorn East VIC 3123

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9 April 2025

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Consolidated	
		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	2(a).	36,323,534	30,262,530
Other income	2(b).	226,440	129,247
Employee benefits expense		(22,738,982)	(20,224,803)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(1,498,917)	(1,706,414)
Teaching materials		(2,557,980)	(2,173,767)
Buildings and grounds		(1,397,656)	(1,275,356)
Other expenses	3	(3,256,657)	(2,479,681)
Finance costs	_	(1,049,847)	(850,582)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	_	4,049,935	1,681,174
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	=	4,049,935	1,681,174

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 December 2024

		Consolidated	
		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	3,237,173	1,216,799
Trade and other receivables	6	882,081	855,135
Financial assets	7	3,599,852	3,203,117
Other assets	5	407,503	345,173
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		8,126,609	5,620,224
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	-		
Other financial assets	7	1,853,250	537,000
Property, plant and equipment	9	28,545,569	29,394,200
Right-of-use asset	8	203,296	278,525
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	30,602,115	30,209,725
TOTAL ASSETS	-	38,728,724	35,829,949
LIABILITIES	=		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	730,623	1,167,932
Borrowings	11	9,714	26,084
Employee benefits	13	2,225,650	2,222,061
Fees in advance	12	548,892	710,198
Lease liabilities		120,308	170,781
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	3,635,187	4,297,056
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	0,000,101	.,_0.,000
Borrowings	11	11,026,784	11,807,665
Employee benefits	13	217,620	185,290
Lease liabilities		94,927	122,756
Fees in advance	12	438,739	151,650
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	11,778,070	12,267,361
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	15,413,257	16,564,417
NET ASSETS	-	23,315,467	19,265,532
	=		10,200,002
EQUITY			
Contributed equity		1,411,544	1,411,544
Retained earnings		21,843,673	17,806,988
Reserves		60,250	47,000
TOTAL EQUITY	-	23,315,467	19,265,532
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Consolidated			
	Contributed Equity \$	Retained Earnings \$	Awards Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,411,544	17,806,988	47.000	19,265,532
Surplus for the year	-	4,049,935	-	4,049,935
Transfer to reserves	-	(13,250)	13,250	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	1,411,544	21,843,673	60,250	23,315,467

	Consolidated			
	Contributed Retained Awards Equity Earnings Reserve			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,411,544	16,172,814	-	17,584,358
Surplus for the year	-	1,681,174	-	1,681,174
Transfer to reserves		(47,000)	47,000	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,411,544	17,806,988	47,000	19,265,532

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Consolidated	
		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from parents, government and others		35,739,113	30,406,133
Payments to suppliers and employees		(31,078,063)	(27,160,790)
Donations received		954,000	537,963
Interest received		326,042	93,476
Interest paid	_	(1,049,847)	(850,582)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14(a)	4,891,245	3,026,200
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(444,824)	(557,906)
Payment for investments		(1,420,261)	(873,641)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(1,865,085)	(1,431,547)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Lease repayments		(208,535)	(400,755)
Proceeds from/(repayment of) borrowings		(797,251)	(510,646)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(1,005,786)	(911,401)
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		2,020,374	683,252
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,216,799	533,547
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4	3,237,173	1,216,799
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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The consolidated financial statements cover St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity ('the School'). St Margaret's School is a for-profit Company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The consolidated financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

1 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a). Basis for consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entity controlled by St Margaret's School at the end of the reporting period. The consolidated financial statements are those of the School, comprising St Margaret's School and its controlled entity, St Margaret's School and Berwick Grammar School Foundation Limited. St Margaret's School and Berwick Grammar School Foundation Limited, a company limited by guarantee, is effectively controlled by St Margaret's School through the Board's ability to control the decision making of St Margaret's School and Berwick Grammar School Foundation Limited's Board. Accordingly, consolidated accounts have been prepared. The controlled entity has a December financial year end. The controlled entity is contained in Note 18 to the financial statements.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all inter-group balances and transactions between entities in the School including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The School has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 December 2024, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the School.

(b). Revenue and other income

Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the School obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the School and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

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1 Material Accounting Policy Information

(b). Revenue and other income

Tuition and enrolment fees

Revenue from tuition fees, subject levies and other receipts from students are recognised upon delivery of the services or goods. When tuition revenue is received for future years, this amount is recognised as prepaid fees in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the student. Enrolment fees are recognised as revenue when received.

Donations

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received, unless specific performance obligations are attached. In this case the School recognises revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Dividend revenue

Dividends are recognised when the consolidated entity's right to receive payment is established. Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the School is entitled to it.

(c). Income Tax

The School is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d). Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Land and buildings

Land and buildings are measured using the cost model.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

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1 Material Accounting Policy Information

(d). Property, plant and equipment

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the School, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate	
Buildings	2-5%	
Plant and equipment	10-33%	
Motor Vehicles	10-25%	

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

(e). Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that the School becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying amount included in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(f). Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(g). Leases

At the lease commencement, the School recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the School believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

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1 Material Accounting Policy Information

(g). Leases

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the School's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the School's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

(h). Employee benefits

Provision is made for the School's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements.

(i). Economic dependence

St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity is dependent on the Government for a significant portion of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe the Government will not continue to support St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity.

(j). Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the consolidated financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the School.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date including an estimation of the amount collectible over the next 12 months for each individual account based on recent collection history and arrangements for each individual account.

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1 Material Accounting Policy Information

(j). Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Key estimates – Long Service Leave

The estimation of Long Service Leave includes salary related costs such as Superannuation Guarantee and Work Cover premiums.

Key judgment - Long Service Leave

The key judgement involved in calculation of long service leave is the probability factors used in determining the discounted service value for employees.

Key estimates - Depreciation

During the year depreciation rates applicable to some individual assets were reviewed and adjusted to provide for consistent treatment for similar assets and an estimation of the remaining useful life of the assets.

2 Revenue and Other Income

(a). Revenue

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	Consolidated	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
- Tuition fees	22,089,539	18,978,351
- Foundation fee income	119,627	81,778
- Government grants	10,105,919	8,331,010
	32,315,085	27,391,139
Other revenue		00.470
- Interest received	326,042	93,476
- Donations	954,000	537,963
- Dividend income	80,786	85,674
- Other	2,647,621	2,154,278
	4,008,449	2,871,391
	36,323,534	30,262,530
(b). Other Income		
- Gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	226,440	129,247
Result for the Year		
The result for the year includes the following specific expenses: Bad debts expense/(recovered) including movement in the provision for impairment	188,422	218,064
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4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

4	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
		Consolid	lated
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Cash on hand	-	-
	Bank balances	3,237,173	1,216,799
	Total cash and cash equivalents	3,237,173	1,216,799
5	Other Assets		
	CURRENT		
	Prepayments	407,503	345,173
6	Trade and Other Receivables		
	CURRENT		
	Trade receivables	951,288	954,889
	Provision for impairment	(149,619)	(161,916)
		801,669	792,973
	GST receivable	79,924	62,162
	Other receivables	488	-
	Total current trade and other receivables	882,081	855,135
7	Financial Assets		
	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
	CURRENT		
	Financial assets	3,062,852	2,843,117
	Total financial assets	3,062,852	2,843,117
	Financial assets classified at amortised cost		
	CURRENT First mortgage investments	537,000	360,000
		557,000	000,000
	NON-CURRENT First mortgage investments	1,853,250	537,000
	—	2,390,250	897,000

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8 Leases

Right-of-use assets

	Consolid	Consolidated		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Right-of-use asset	531,929	1,558,675		
Accumulated depreciation	(328,633)	(1,280,150)		
	203,296	278,525		

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income relating to leases where the School is a lessee are shown below: Depreciation of right-of-use assets 205,462 400,045

	Depreciation of fight-of-use assets	205,462	400,045
		205,462	400,045
9	Property, plant and equipment		
	LAND AND BUILDINGS		
	Freehold land At cost	3,643,950	3,643,950
	Buildings At cost	45,640,291	45,532,535
	Accumulated depreciation	(22,026,412)	(20,938,868)
	Total buildings	23,613,879	24,593,667
	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
	Capital works in progress At cost	415,204	210,047
	Plant and equipment At cost	3,702,797	3,570,887
	Accumulated depreciation	(2,870,181)	(2,682,775)
	Total plant and equipment	832,616	888,112
	Motor vehicles At cost	363,670	363,670
	Accumulated depreciation	(323,750)	(305,246)
	Total motor vehicles	39,920	58,424
	Total plant and equipment	1,287,740	1,156,583
	Total property, plant and equipment	28,545,569	29,394,200

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9 Property, plant and equipment

(a). Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Capital Works in Progress	Land	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Consolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2024						
Balance at the beginning of year	210,047	3,643,950	24,593,667	888,112	58,424	29,394,200
Additions	437,779	-	107,756	131,910	-	677,445
Disposals - written down value	(232,622)	-	-	-	-	(232,622)
Depreciation expense	-	-	(1,087,544)	(187,406)	(18,504)	(1,293,454)
Balance at the end of the year	415,204	3,643,950	23,613,879	832,616	39,920	28,545,569

10 Trade and Other Payables

		Consolidated	
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Trade payables	124,954	272,806
	Sundry payables and accrued expenses	605,669	895,126
		730,623	1,167,932
11	Borrowings		
	CURRENT		
	Secured liabilities:		
	Equipment loan	9,714	26,084
	Total current borrowings	9,714	26,084
	NON-CURRENT		
	Secured liabilities:	-	-
	Market Rate Loan (CBA)	11,005,000	11,700,000
	Equipment loan	21,784	107,665
	Total non-current borrowings	11,026,784	11,807,665

Collateral Provided

The bank debt is secured by a registered first mortgage over freehold properties owned by the School including:

- 80 Tivendale Road Officer VIC 3809
- 27-47 Gloucester Avenue Berwick VIC 3806

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11 Borrowings

Covenants Imposed

Covenants are imposed by the bank.

1. The School complied with the covenant related to EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

2. The School complied with the covenant related to Maximum Capex for the year ended 31 December 2024.

12 Fees in advance

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		Consolid	Consolidated	
		2024	2023	
		\$	\$	
	CURRENT			
	Tuition fees in advance	548,892	710,198	
	NON-CURRENT			
	Tuition fees in advance	438,739	151,650	
3	Employee Benefits			
	CURRENT			
	Long service leave	1,822,230	1,878,100	
	Annual leave	403,420	343,961	
		2,225,650	2,222,061	
	NON-CURRENT			
	Long service leave	217,620	185,290	

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14 Cash Flow Information

(a). Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconcination of result for the year to cashiows from operating activities	Consolidated	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,049,935	1,681,174
- dividends not received as cash	(80,786)	(85,674)
- management fees not paid in cash	14,502	13,545
Non-cash flows in surplus/(deficit):		
- depreciation	1,498,917	1,706,414
- net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	431
- impairment/(recovery) of receivables	188,422	218,064
- net (gain)/loss on investments	(226,440)	(129,247)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(215,368)	15,830
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(62,330)	(240,232)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(437,309)	(261,722)
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	125,783	(21,106)
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	35,919	128,723
Cashflows from operations	4,891,245	3,026,200

(b). Borrowing facilities

The following facilities were available at the end of the reporting period:

Bank loan facilities		
Market Rate Loan (CBA)	11,036,498	11,833,749
Overdraft Facility (CBA)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Used at reporting date		
Market Rate Loan (CBA)	11,036,498	11,833,749
Overdraft Facility (CBA)	-	-
Unused at reporting date		
Market Rate Loan (CBA)	-	-
Overdraft Facility (CBA)	1,000,000	1,000,000
	1,000,000	1,000,000

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15 Financial Risk Management

The School's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investment, accounts receivable and payable, leases and bank loans. The total for each category of financial instruments measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		Consolidated	
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	3,237,173	1,216,799
Trade and receivables	6	951,288	954,889
Financial assets	7	3,062,852	2,843,117
First mortgage investments		1,060,250	597,000
	=	8,311,563	5,611,805
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	(730,623)	(1,167,932)
Borrowings	11	(11,036,498)	(11,833,749)
		(11,767,121)	(13,001,681)

16 Related Parties

The School's main related parties are as follows:

Key management personnel - refer to Note 17.

Other related parties include the Directors of the School.

The following transactions and balances relate to Directors:

- Maintenance services provided by companies to Directors \$86,776.

All related party transactions are at arm's length and commercial terms.

17 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the School is \$ 1,370,304 (2023: \$ 1,519,823).

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18 Controlled Entity

	Principal place of business	Percentage Controlled (%)* 2024	Percentage Controlled (%)* 2023
St Margaret's School and Berwick Grammar School Foundation Limited	Berwick	100	100

*The percentage of ownership interest held is equivalent to the percentage voting rights.

19 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: None).

20 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the School, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the School in future financial years.

21 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the school is: St Margaret's School 27-47 Gloucester Avenue Berwick VIC 3806

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Responsible Entities' Declaration

The directors of the Company are the responsible persons and declare that:

- 1. The consolidated financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 20, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures Standard; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
- 2. In the responsible persons' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

10 Director Mrś F Templar

Director .

Mr S Pritchard

Dated 9 April 2025



Independent Audit Report to the members of St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity (the School), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the School is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the School's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Non-forprofits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the School in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2024. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the consolidated entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the School's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the School or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Audit Report to the members of St Margaret's School and Controlled Entity

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design
 and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate
 to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher
 than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations,
 or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the
 School's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the School's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the School to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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9 April 2025

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