



Message from the Incoming President of the SJC OBA NSW **Jeyaram Kanagaratnam**

February 21st, 2022

My sincere thanks to everyone who participated at our Annual General Meeting that was held on the 20th of February 2022 via Zoom.

It was a pleasure listening to the success stories of all the activities initiated and executed by the existing committee under the guidance of the outgoing president P. Dileepkanth and his committee.

As you all are aware last year was very tough and unpredictable for all of us and our families. Organising any events during the pandemic was tough. Hats off to the past committee members for the leadership, courage, dedication, and passion shown in organising many events with great success. It was a pleasure watching the junior team who had taken the SJC OBA Sydney to another level.

In all the cricket matches and any other events we participated in, there were committee members, managers, organisers, and coordinators who supported the committee to ensure these events ran smoothly. They too were the pillars of the committee. There were old boys and their families who provided refreshments, drinks, and food for these events.

Boys, you did a fantastic job engaging the old boys and families and informing the SJC OBA community about all the events and success stories from these events.

Thank you to all the members, old boys, and their families for the continuous support!!

I am happy that many of the existing committee members will be staying and working with me to achieve our vision for the college.

For the outgoing members, thank you very much again. I understand that you are leaving the committee due to personal commitments. I am sure you will all come back as future Presidents of the SJC OBA Sydney.

Friends, I had been in this position 11 years ago and delivered many projects to our college under the guidance of my fantastic committee. It was very enjoyable.

I am privileged and humbled to return as President of the SJC OBA NSW 2022 once again.

Working with the experienced members, especially with the junior team is going to be very enjoyable and I am looking forward to this.

My sincere thanks to friends and committee members for providing me with this opportunity to work with a very talented team to organise and witness success stories again.

Congratulations to the incoming committee members.

SJC OBA SYDNEY Committee 2022

<https://www.sjcobasydney.com/committee>

The new committee will continue to focus on following activities:

Membership

- Ensure that all OBA members are registered and obtain membership. OBA will actively engage with them by providing them with the latest events and news update promptly. Identify one main platform of communication to engage all the members.

For all OBA members who have not registered, we would greatly appreciate if you could register as a member soon. Your participation is essential to facilitate the communication process so that you can be abreast with the latest events and news.

OBA will continue to encourage the junior members to have more participation which will help us to form the committee members of OBA in the future.

Sports Cricket

- We are currently organising Vintage (Over 60) Classics (Over 50) and open teams. We will continue to maintain the same format and engage other colleges with their support. We will also ensure that the experienced team managers will provide full support to organise such events under the guidance of the OBA.

Sports Others

- We will continue to organise Soccer, Table Tennis, Badminton, cycling if the interest is shown.

Walking Eagles – to keep all the OBA members fit will be one of our focuses, we urge all the members to support these events and participate whenever possible. We will continue to engage with the experienced managers to work with the committee and organise these events.

Social Events

- Annual Dinner Dance

Our Dinner Dance used to be the major event to raise funds for the College. The committee has tried many times to organise this event however it was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. We will initiate the event this year by targeting community halls instead of big venues, this way we can avoid the risk of losing money in the event of any cancellations due to Covid.

Kodai Kaliyaattam, and summer night events were very successful, we will continue to have this and encourage more participation. We will also explore the option to see if we can raise some funds from this event towards the college.

We will also explore the options to organise BBQ, outside gatherings, Food stalls etc so that we will continue to have the participation of all the old boys and their families.

- Zoom Events

The past committee initiated a successful event “Covid Komaaligal”. We will continue to organise this to engage members.

Participation with CGC Old Girls Sydney

- In the past we have organised events such as fellowship dinners and combined Carols with the old girls of our sister college. We will explore these options again to see if we can bring these events back to the agenda of the SJC OBA Sydney.

Eagle Vision 2023

- This project is on target and successfully progressing under the excellent leadership of Delano Sinniah. We will continue provide latest updates on the website.

Message to the Principal of St John's College Mr V.S.B Thuseetharan

Dear Sir,

As the President 11 years ago, I had the opportunity to interact with you on many initiatives, it was a great experience.

It will be a privilege and honour to work with you again to bring on many more initiatives for the college. I am happy and looking forward to this again.

Finally, Dear old Boys, Friends and Family with your support my committee and I will ensure that we will deliver our vision for the OBA Sydney with a great success.

Jeyaram Kanagaratnam

President SJC OBA Sydney 2022

"In the darkness shines the light"